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Sunday Services | April 2019

April 7 | *On Plans and Realities*

Wrestling with hopes, expectations and realities is a universal experience. Life can change suddenly in ways we cannot foresee. After the kicking and screaming, how can we work toward living into our best selves in a situation we didn't sign up for?

— *Rev. Michelle Yates*

April 14 | *A Welcoming Entryway*

When have we desired welcome? And where have we found it? This service explores moments of truly feeling welcomed as your full self alongside moments when the welcome has fallen short or felt inauthentic or even downright judgmental.

— *Rev. Lane Campbell*

April 21 | *Resurrection of Life & the Challenges of Rebirth*

Where have you experienced a personal resurrection, a second wind, a second chance? The resurrection of Jesus is an old tale, but not an unfamiliar one to those who have lived life. Let us embrace and tell our own stories of being brought back from a hopeless place to a place that felt alive again.

— *Rev. Lane Campbell*

April 28 | *For the Beauty of the Earth*

On the last day of Earth Week, let's explore the beauty of this Earth and the resource it is to human beings and to all life. Through a story about the water cycle and the many beings water comes into contact with, let's embrace and challenge our own relationship to the earth.

— *Rev. Lane Campbell*

All services begin at 10:30 am



Never Easy, But Often Necessary

Message from Rev. Lane

There are times when the concept of being reborn is less than appealing to me. What was wrong with the way things were? I have seen the damage that concepts of being born again in a theological context can be used to exclude people and cause harm. I have also experienced in my own journey ways that a cycle of rebirth can be just a list of flaws about who I was, rather than an invitation into self-love or respecting where I've been.

In the moments when I find rebirth the most appealing, it is when we acknowledge that everything we have done, all of who we are, has led us to a moment of growth and change. Not a change that comes from shaming ourselves for previous actions or mistakes, but rather an organic change that comes about because all roads have led us to this place. We must change to keep on growing in wisdom, experience, and agreement with the fundamental principle that all life is about change.

Rebirth is never an easy experience. It is often painful at first. It comes with loss and a good deal of mourning. It comes from being confronted by one's own limitations. And it is also beautiful, yes. The outcome is often one we could have never predicted. Who we are on the other side is still fundamentally us and a more full version of self than we began with. Rebirth is never easy, but it is often necessary.

In this season, I am excited to be exploring this theme of rebirth with you in a time when we are beginning to come out of the gray of winter and into the sun of spring. Our landscape is full of new life, new growth. And we would not have this growth without the moisture of the snow as well as the process of slowing down and rest of the winter. Nature knows that rebirth is not easy and, yet, each year the seasons continue on their cycle. May you know this cycle inside of yourself and share it with the world. ❖



2019 Stewardship News

Submitted by Jillian Beaman and Richard Reed

Let's Show Up!

As you read this article, we've just celebrated Stewardship Sunday and another successful campaign. We thank everyone who has pledged their support for the 2019-2020 budget year.

If by chance you have not pledged yet, there is still time! Pledges, no matter the amount, are important and welcome. Remember that we are all stronger together. We will update, in full, pledge totals next month in May's Outlook.

This month we need to thank everyone involved with this year's campaign. We couldn't have done our brochure and letter without Marcy Klein. Her ideas and talent made the project so easy. Thanks also go to Rev. Lane, Bill and Heather Jones, Nancy Gaede, Karl Abbott, and Tom Held. Ann Rhody was instrumental in establishing the challenge fund and in recruiting people for the delicious pies that we enjoyed.

It has been our honor to serve as Stewardship co-chairs this year. Thanks to all and again many thanks to everyone who has pledged to support our wonderful church, its ministries and outreach.

Thank You,

Jillian Beaman and Richard Reed

Stewardship co-Chairs ❖





Walking Together

*Message from Rev. Michelle Yates,
Director of Life Span Faith
Development*

In spring, it is said that ‘all things are made new.’ Just as each day can be the first day of the rest of your life. In April, as we consider the theme of Rebirth, let’s reflect on what is new, or what we want to be new or renewed in our lives. Along with this we must consider what has been lost or must be let go of to make way for the new.

There is a lot of buzz lately about the KonMari method for eliminating and organizing our possessions from the Netflix series ‘Tidying Up.’ The series is hosted by Marie Kondo and based on her book “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up.” The basic idea is to go through your possessions by category (i.e. clothes, books, sentimental items, etc.), pulling them all out, touching each item and asking if it “sparks joy.”

Kondo encourages people to go for the feeling and not get caught up in overthinking the choice. An important part of this process is to express thanks to items you find do not spark joy for the purpose they served in your life before you let them go.

To apply this process to the things we want to be reborn in our lives, consider your habits, behaviors, activities, attitudes, beliefs, relationships, etc. Does this spark joy? If yes, how can you care for and nurture it? If not, thank it for the purpose it has served in your life and figure out how to let it go.

Like myself, you may think about things you would love to let go of but cannot. They are just part of your life circumstance right now. These can be the trickiest areas to find rebirth around. Dishes, laundry, cooking, and helping my kids learn these tasks come to mind for me.

Let’s try these reflection questions together this month: How am I making this harder than it has to be? Who can I ask for help with this? What support, joy or reward would make this task feel lighter? How can I decide to make this a joyful or enriching experience?

Yours in the Journey, Rev. Michelle ❖

Social Justice Second Sunday: *EcoJustice!*

This church year we have had a Social Justice Action and Education event every second Sunday of the month.

In April, our *EcoJustice* group will coordinate activities in the Clara Barton Lounge during social hour after service. There will be knowledgeable activists at tables to help you learn about the eco-alphabet (RPCC, CCL, CCA), and the *Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act* bill in congress.

Look for postcards and materials for kids to draw pictures to send to elected officials, sign-ups, and a family-friendly activity for determining your household’s carbon footprint! We hope to see you there! ❖

Spirit in Practice Faith Development Program

Submitted by Rev. Michelle Yates

The Spirit in Practice workshops were created to help UUs develop regular spiritual practices that help them connect with the sacred ground of their being, however they understand it. The workshops offer a forum for learning, sharing, and growth that can enrich our faith journeys.

Workshops will take place on the second Wednesday in April, and on the third Wednesday in May and June. It meets from 6:30-8:30pm in the Clara Barton Lounge. Come to each session or when you can.

In session 7 on Wednesday, April 10 we will consider Soul Practices: spiritual practices that exercise our creative selves. This can including drawing, painting, sculpting, music, poetry, or any other creative expression. Participants will have several creativity stations to choose to interact with. Please email our facilitator Rev. Michelle at edu@uuroc.org if you plan to attend or have questions. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The Spirit in Practice Workshops are also offered every other Tuesday from 2-4pm at the Irondequoit Public Library. Upcoming sessions will be on April 9 & 23, and May 7 & 21. ❖



Birthdays Don't Wait

Submitted by Marti Eggers

A number of years ago, a family of four who had lost their home were taken into the RAIHN* program midway through one of the weeks First Universalist was hosting. We had been notified of their acceptance an hour or so before they arrived with the other guests at the end of the day, giving us just enough time to get a room ready. When they arrived the parents and two young daughters were exhausted and stressed. Entering an emergency shelter was something they had never anticipated, so they were relieved to see that we are not the “shelter” that they had imagined, that they had a comfortable room of their own, and a hot meal was being prepared in the kitchen for all the guests. We had noted that this was the birthday of one of the girls, so we pulled out our birthday napkins and found a birthday candle that we put on a cupcake for her birthday. She was delighted, and the parents were overwhelmed.

After dinner the dad took me aside and said that he wanted to fix dinner the following night to better celebrate. I told him that it was a lovely idea and that I'd tell tomorrow's meal preparers not to plan on them for dinner. “Oh, no,” he replied. “I want to fix dinner for everybody. It's the least I can do.” I offered to shop for him, but he wanted this to be his gift. I told him that we would supply the cake and a few little gifts. The next evening the birthday girl was thrilled with the party and that her dad had made the meal. The pride the dad felt was beyond words. When you have lost everything and your life is spinning out of control, to be able to provide his daughter's birthday dinner meant the world to him.

Over the nearly 15 years of RAIHN at First Universalist, we have helped many children and parents celebrate birthdays. During our most recent Host Week one of our young guests was turning 9. Even though she was having a birthday overnight with her grandma, we still provided a few gifts. Her mom had also purchased fairy wings that she decorated for the occasion – for the birthday girl and her little sister.

It is a joy to be able to provide the stability of birthday celebrations for our RAIHN families during their time of tremendous upheaval and stress. As we all know – Birthdays don't wait.

**RAIHN – Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network – Keeping families together; getting families home for good. ❖*

Drop-In Discussion Schedule

Submitted by Beth Ares

Drop-in discussions are held each Sunday morning in the Chalice Room on the second floor of our church, starting at 9:15 am during the regular church year.

Sometimes our discussions are based on certain books or articles, but you don't have to read anything or do any advance preparation to participate. **Just drop-in.** People of all viewpoints are welcome to make presentations or join the discussions.

April 7 | Sustainable Homes — energy efficient options for heating and cooling.

The speaker will be Abigail McHugh-Grifa, Exec. Director of the Rochester People's Climate Coalition. Replacing your heating and cooling system soon? There are several energy efficient and cost-saving alternatives to natural gas that you will want to consider! Eco-Justice will lead our discussion and invites you to join us.

April 14 | Open Discussion: What's on your mind?

Even in the absence of a pre-planned, intriguing topic, we always end up with a great conversation! Don't miss it!

April 21 | Bottled or Tap Water? Which is Better?

There are many factors helping a person to choose bottled water or tap water, including taste, cost, safety, convenience, and recycling. Join Kate Fleury for a discussion and a taste test of bottled waters and tap waters.

April 28 | Toxic Stress and Children

The separation of children and parents at our southern border is a particularly heinous situation as they have little to no resilience to the stress of separation. Toxic stress is a constant in the lives of many children. What is toxic stress? What can be done to mitigate damage? What is resiliency and how can we as individuals foster the growth of resilient children and adolescents? Presenter: Micky Tokor

Do you have a topic for us—intellectual, profound, simple or silly? Please contact any of our team members with your Drop-In Discussion proposals: Shelley Adams, David Damico, Kate Fleury, Bob Remley, or Beth Ares, coordinator. ❖

Finance News

Don't Be Afraid of Some Change!

Submitted by Ann Rhody for the Finance Committee

The world of finance at First Universalist has been changing. Over the past several years, we have:

- Gone “greener,” with much less paper and most transactions done electronically.
- Streamlined our fundraising, focusing on the Service Auction as our primary fundraiser and using smaller fundraisers to help a specific program.
- Increased our focus on fair compensation and record keeping for payroll and benefits (*thanks especially to Payroll and Benefits Coordinator Beth Ares*).
- Made adjustments to our investments to reflect more concern for the environment.

Now, we are looking at changing our long-held fund structure, specifically with “off-budget” funds (special funds and discretionary funds). Some of these funds were established during a time when the church had difficulty financing the work of the congregation through the operating budget, and there was a concern that there wouldn't be enough money should some unexpected

expense show up. Some funds carry the names of committees which no longer operate, and still others are misnamed or unclear in their purpose.

The leaders on the Finance Committee have been working on a plan to streamline the funds to more accurately reflect the church's current fiscal realities and best practices. The Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs will be hearing more about this soon, with the wider congregation to follow. Ultimately, the new structure will need to be what works best not for the Board or the Finance Committee, but for the congregation.

If you have any finance-related concerns or questions, let's talk! Please contact Finance Chair Ann Rhody at annrhody@gmail.com ❖



Eastman at Washington Square Concerts

Concerts are held at our church at lunch time on Thursdays. Each concert begins at 12:15 pm and ends at approximately 12:45 pm. Admission is free. Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy.

- **April 4 | Soulful Strings from Europe**
Violinist Mikhail Kopelman, cellist Steven Doane, and pianist Anna Gourfinkle join in performing the music of Smetana and Kodály.
- **April 11 | Hope-Jones Organ Showcase**
David Peckham showcases this beautiful instrument.
- **April 18 | Mbira dze Mugomo Guru**
This world music ensemble will share music from the Shona spiritual tradition from Zimbabwe.
- **April 25 | Trésors Français**
Cellist Noémie Raymond-Friset and pianist Peter Klimo will share treasures of the French cello repertoire crowned by Poulenc's Sonata for Cello and Piano. ❖

Train for RAIHN!

Submitted by Marti Eggers

Level I Training

For folks who are interested in becoming a RAIHN volunteer
Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue. Learn how to interact with and serve RAIHN guests comfortably and which volunteer opportunities suit you best. ❖

Cozy Night Suppers

Submitted by Kathy Russell

Our final church year Cozy Night Supper will be held on Friday, April 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Clara Barton Lounge. Bring a dish to pass noting ingredients for the dinner portion from 5:30 to 6:30. This will be followed by the 6:30 program from our Eco Justice Social Justice Circle.

Sign up on the hall or CBL bulletin boards or let the office know you'll be joining us! ❖

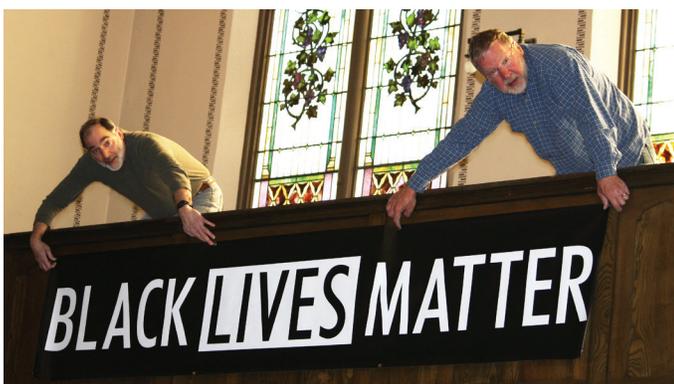
Living Our Values, Making a Difference

Submitted by Emma Barry, Constance Valk, Newcomb Losh, and Karl Abbott



Support and Solidarity

On March 17 we attended a demonstration of love and support for the Muslim community at the Islamic Center of Rochester beside our fellow UU congregations: First Unitarian, and UU Church of Canandaigua.



Black Lives Matter Banner:

On March 9, House Committee Co-chairs Ed Deller (left) and Tom Ruganis hung a BLM banner to support Rev. Lane's church-wide theme to create intentional visibility for social justice issues within our sanctuary. Banner designed by Emma Barry

Roc/ACTS News

Submitted by Shirley Bond

So much is happening with Roc/ACTS now that an organizer has been hired. Betty Hancock is going to be a huge asset. She, along with Cheryl Avery, graced us with their presence at the Cozy Night Supper on March 8, and helped us understand a little bit more about systemic racism. Great program! Roc/ACTS has also hired a part-time admin and she is extremely competent. Our new interim President Dr. Gayle Harrison has already shown a great deal of innovativeness. So, we have a staff! We held a Listening Circle event on February 9 that Robert Remley and I attended, among others. It was informative.

I thought I would do something different this month. Instead of explaining all of the task forces I would concentrate on one each month—more in-depth reporting, so to speak.

Criminal Justice Task Force: The chairperson Kathleen Fitzpatrick; she takes copious minutes while chairing the committee. I am in awe. We had a speaker from the League of Women Voters, Barbara Grosh, who explained to us what they are doing differently to get out the vote! They're being more proactive. There is also a great deal of misinformation about who exactly can or cannot vote. They can use more volunteers for their door-to-door campaign.

Another guest speaker, Brigit Hurley, from *The Children's Agenda* spoke to us concerning progress on the new "Raise the Age" law. She is pleased to report that arrests of 16-year-olds are down. Also, there is a new program in place that involves "Court Watching." Volunteers will be trained to go to court and observe the proceedings. It's always good for the youth to have someone in their court!

The third guest was an intern from *Metro Justice*, Mohini Sharma, who explained the Bail Reform Program. A program involved is called "Start Smart." This organization is pushing for the legalization of marijuana and when that happens, the tax revenues should be sent to the communities that have been hugely impacted by convictions and hence incarcerations. So there are many ways to get involved. The meetings are the second Monday of each month at the Carriage Factory Apts, 33 Litchfield Street, 6 to 7:30 pm.

Next month I plan to explain more about the work of the *Education Task Force*. They meet second and fourth Sundays at the Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Rd. South, from 2:00-3:30pm. *Poverty and Jobs* meets at SEIU, 259

Monroe Ave., 6:30 to 8:00 pm the first Tuesday of each month. By the way, they are looking for support as there is a problem at the Jordan Health Center. Management has notified its union employees that it intends to outsource its billing operation. These are good paying jobs held by local workers.

There are many ways to get involved, big or small. Every contribution helps—letter writing, note writing, even one-sentence postcards help. You would be surprised how much Albany pays attention to these issues. As I have said many times to many people, Rochester is becoming well known country-wide for its activism, and First Universalist is doing its part! If we can work with other organizations and faith groups, all the better.

If you have any questions, just reach me at Bondshirl1@gmail.com or Robert Remley at humans@rochester.rr.com. We are your Roc/ACTS representatives!

"We talk a lot about freedom, we talk about equality, we talk about justice, but we are not free. There are shadows that follow us."

— Bryan Stevenson ✦

Chili Cook-Off Champ!



Hearty congratulations to the winner of our annual chili cook-off, Ed Deller! ✦

Photo by Emma Barry



Project Team Update

Submitted by Dolores Da Lomba

On March 10, the first of three Listening Circles to introduce the congregation to the Project Team's recommendation for an all-church social justice project was held. Twenty-two people, no doubt strengthened by the delicious chili from the Chili Cook-off, attended this session. The Project Team recommended supporting the effort of SPARC (*Spiritus Christi Anti-Racism Coalition*) to establish a Civil Rights Heritage Center in Rochester's Baden park:

"To develop a Heritage Civil Rights Center that will give voice, visibility and historical acknowledgement to our Black Community's struggle for liberation and equality."

In addition, the handout outlined ways in which our church can become involved and referenced online sites that give more information.

For those with limited access to computers, we ask that you watch the Social Justice Bulletin Board and/or speak to Team Members: **Shelley Adams, Dolores Da Lomba, Eunice Eckberg, Theo Munson, Elizabeth Osta, Richard Reed, Robert Remley, Katharine Russell and Dave VanArsdale.** Or talk to FIAC Team members: **Joy Leccese, Becky Elwell, and Heather Jones.**

At the meeting, Dolores Da Lomba gave some information about the origin of SPARC, the result of a journey south to see Civil Rights memorials. The attendees had many questions as well as thoughtful comments. Some of the comments were:

- Like that there was a concrete beginning with an open end.
- Liked the collaborative nature that gives us an opportunity to broaden our contacts in the larger community.
- Like that there is abundant opportunity to express and work on a vision.
- Like that money is not the only thing we can bring to the table.

The Information Sheet lists some of the ways we, as individuals, and our church, as a force in the community, can be of assistance. Our involvement is not necessarily limited to the items listed. If you have a skill or a passion, you can offer your help. This is a huge endeavor and many skills will be needed.

If you haven't yet gotten your copy of the Information Sheet, they will be available every Sunday after service in the Clara Barton Lounge. ❖

REACH *A FIAC Task Force*

Submitted by Carole Hoffman

As the final dinner to be served at the REACH House approaches (for the late 2018/early 2019 session), gratitude goes out to the dedicated '**REACH Team Meal Providers**'. This Team, from November to April, will have served approximately 230 meals to the grateful guests residing at the REACH House on Union Street.

As the Team is sprinkled with snow birds, a mixture of volunteers show up once a month. A constant is Tom Williams, with his huge pot of goulash! Other regulars include Bill Elwell and Dave VanArsdale with their luscious desserts, Janet Clarke-Hazeltt and her valuable sub, Patty Jamele, who provided corn, as well as Joyce & Dick Gilbert, who presented with a fabulously hearty soup. We also have coleslaw, bread, and lemonade

(always provided by a myriad of volunteers, depending on availability). These volunteers include: Connie Valk, Gail Wilder, Lyle Jenks, and Carole Hoffman.

As REACH has been the recent recipient of NYS funding, it is very likely that REACH and the TEAM will be starting up again in November! If you want to be a part of this TEAM, please see Carole Hoffman. It's easy, gratifying, and fun!

For info on REACH, go to reachadvocacy.org, or talk to the FIAC Team members: **Joy Leccese, Becky Elwell, and Heather Jones.** ❖

April is Earth Month:

Calendar of Events at First Universalist, 2019

Submitted by Kate Fleury for the EcoJustice Committee

Sunday, April 7: Drop-In Discussion

Abby McHugh-Grifa from *Rochester People's Climate Coalition* will give a presentation on Sustainable Home Heating and Cooling, with ample time for questions and discussion. This is more than just solar panels! Join EcoJustice Group members to learn more.

Friday, April 12: Cozy Night Supper

The supper focus topic is Ecojustice, especially related to issues of water. Potluck supper at 5:30pm; program at 6:30-7:30. You are encouraged to bring a vegetarian or vegan dish or at least try one! Please list the ingredients of the dish you bring.

Sunday, April 14: Social Justice Second Sunday

We'll have knowledgeable activists at tables to help you learn about the eco-alphabet *RPCC*, *CCL*, *CCA* * and the bill in Congress, *Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act*, with postcards and sign-ups, etc. We'll have a family activity for determining your family's carbon footprint; adults are also welcome in this activity.

Easter Sunday, April 21: Drop-In Discussion

Kate Fleury will lead a discussion about bottled water, complete with a taste test.

Monday, April 22: Earth Day!

Do something with special meaning to you to celebrate and protect the Earth.

Sunday, April 28: Church Service

Reverend Lane will lead us in a service centered on water, our ecojustice focus for this church year, with assistance from the EcoJustice Group.

Ongoing events: Check out the bulletin board in the Clara Barton Lounge. Come to EcoJustice Group meetings at noon first Sunday of each month, Chalice Room. ❖

**Still learning your eco-alphabet? Rochester People's Climate Coalition, Citizens Climate Lobby, Community Choice Aggregation.*

House Committee News

Submitted by Tom Ruganis & Ed Deller, House Comm. Co-chairs

We continue to be blessed with a worship space that is well cared for and in good shape. The project list for improvements/repairs is ever-growing. Our committee met in March to prioritize and plan our efforts. We will be adding stability bars to more bathrooms, installing coat hooks for our children, installing new door locks and lighting, painting the stairwell to the third floor, evaluating storm window options for the Clara Barton lounge and more.

Our team hung the *Black Lives Matter* banner in the sanctuary and is assessing options for an outdoor version on the Clinton Ave. side of the church.

Thanks to Connie Valk and Carole Hoffman for adding a new storage rack in the kitchen.

If you are interested in joining us either as a committee member or for one-off projects let us know. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Spring Cleanup on Saturday May 4 from 9am-noon. ❖

Book Group

Submitted by Shirley Bond

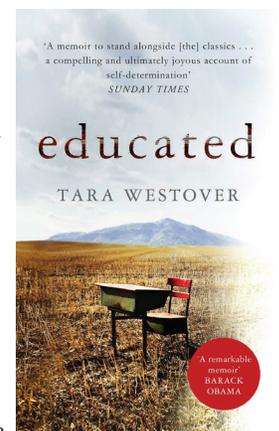
It is almost that time again—time for end-of-year graduations, with feelings of accomplishment for students and teachers. Hope and spring are mixed together.

Educated by Tara Westover is a memoir told in a style which is heartwarming and also riveting. She manages to escape from a harrowing childhood. I would like to say that her parents were well meaning but misdirected, but I cannot in good conscience give them credit for that. To keep children on an imaginary leash and transfer the parents' fears to them is unconscionable. The children had no formal schooling, no doctor visits, they provided free labor, etc.

There is good news! She "escaped" with help from a brother who encouraged her to read. She managed to get a high score on the ACT test to gain admittance to Brigham Young University.

Give this book a try and meet us on April 28 at 12 noon in the Chalice room for an hour of discussion.

Book selections are always gratefully received and taken under consideration. If you have read a good book, share it with us! ❖



Greetings From FIAC!

Submitted by Heather Jones

A few weeks ago I had the wonderful good fortune of being invited to the meeting for prospective members of our church to offer some background information about FIAC. The response I received was so bolstering to me that I am presenting a good bit of that same (and some hot off the press) information for you long and short-term members, friends of the congregation, and folks who are potential new members.

Handy Acronyms to Know:

FIAC

Faith in Action Council

PT

Project Team

SJC

Social Justice Circles

RAIHN

Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network

Roc/ACTS

Rochester Alliance of Communities Transforming Society, Inc.

SPARC

Spiritus Christi Anti-Racism Coalition

BOT

Board of Trustees

FIAC

FIAC's new email: fiac@uuroc.org

Members:

- Joy Leccese - *Chair*
- Becky Elwell - *Fiduciary Leader*
- Heather Jones - *Communications/Secretary*

Some background: After the Social Justice Task Force (Connie Valk, Richard Gilbert and Eric Van Dusen) prepared a report outlining a new social justice structure for our church, FIAC was born and designed to be the administrative arm devoted to social justice issues explored and actions taken by the First Universalist Church. FIAC members were approved by the BOT and the issue chosen by FIAC – Systemic Racism – was approved by a congregational vote.

FIAC worked to form a PT, chaired by Dolores Da Lomba, whose goal was to select a church-wide

project that will entail working closely with other city churches and community groups. SPARC is the group that the PT identified “whose work and determination to address the scourge of racism is inspirational” (Da Lomba). The PT’s proposal is “to partner with SPARC in its goal to develop a Heritage Civil Rights Center that will give voice, visibility and historical acknowledgement to our Black Community’s struggle for liberation and equality” (Da Lomba). Plan to attend one of two more Listening Circles (the LC on March 10 was informative, well-attended and spirited): Thursday, April 4 at 1:00 following the Eastman Concert, and Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30. Location: Rear of the Sanctuary.

Social Justice Circles

We are active, involved and passionate people. Consider joining one of the circles below; it is a wonderful way of serving the community and getting to know great people.

• Roc/ACTS

Contact: Shirley Bond bondshirl1@gmail.com

• School #7

Contact: Bill Elwell williambearcat@gmail.com

• Meals for the Homeless

Contact: Carole Hoffman choffman002@rochester.rr.com

• Eco-Justice

Contact: Sarah Singal ssingal@rochester.rr.com

• Harvesting Justice: Immigration/Farmworkers

Contact: Connie Valk cwalk@frontiernet.net

• Crafting Blankets for the Homeless

Contact: Lisa Gwinner gwinvcourt@gmail.com

• RAIHN

Contact, Marti Eggers mceggers@gmail.com

FIAC, the PT, and SJC's take our church mission seriously. We do indeed try to nurture the spirit and serve the community. Join us! ❖



**Women of Reform Judaism/TBK Sisterhood
2019 Annual Women's Interfaith Event**

April 3rd at 10:00 am

Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Avenue

Spirituality

**Reverend Lane Campbell
First Universalist Church**

**Bishop Denise Donato
Mary Magdalene Church**

**Sue Kochan
Dharma Refuge**

**Rabbi Rochelle Tulik
Temple B'rith Kodesh**

Join us for a panel discussion and informal lunch conversation with women of different faith communities. Please bring your own non-meat lunch. Hot and cold drinks and desserts will be provided.

The program is free of charge, but a donation to Pencils & Paper would be appreciated. Pencils & Paper is a free school supply store where teachers at eligible schools can obtain basic learning tools to help kids in need in our community. The most needed supplies include glue bottles (8 oz.), crayons (24 count), dry erase markers packs, disinfecting wipes (at least 35 count), colored pencils (12 pack), binder clips, and construction paper packs (at least 50 assorted sheets).

Reservations are helpful, but not required. Contact 244-7060, x233 or wrj@tbk.org if possible, so that we may prepare adequately.



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Nurture the spirit and serve the community.

First Universalist Church is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, a liberal religion with historical roots in the Jewish and Christian traditions.

Worship service begins at 10:30am Sundays

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Director of Life Span Faith Development |
Rev. Michelle Yates

Music Director | Brock Tjosvold

Office Administrator | Emma Barry
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closed Mondays

Sexton | Brandon Fagan

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