

A Message from our Minister:

Dear Community:

We are facing a situation unprecedented in our lifetimes. Many people are losing their jobs, and soon many will be sick and need to stay home with unpaid leave. Others will be burdened with healthcare costs and, sadly, funeral expenses. Some of you may be among this population already.

The Minister's Discretionary Fund exists for times like these. The Fund allows people in our community to request and receive short term financial support directly from the Minister, who provides that support in confidentiality, protecting the requestors personally identifying information.

Now, the Fund is depleted. The Board has already designated the fifth Sunday as a collection for the Fund. I want to call on those with financial resources to donate now. I've set a fundraising goal of ten thousand dollars. Give if you can, through our online Vanco portal [Please Click Here](#), or mail your check to our treasurer, Alan Horne.

If you are among those in need financial support, emotional support, mental health care, or spiritual care, call or text me at 914-844-9567. I am here for you and I have faith this community has your back. If you are having a mental health crisis and having thoughts of suicide call the national suicide prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Go well,

Rev. Chris J. Antal

Announcements

Care Team Hosting Small Group Meetings by Phone and Online

Mondays @ 4pm with Jan Kinney. Newcomers welcome!

Tuesdays @ 5pm with Donna Deming. Newcomers welcome!

Wednesday @ 4pm with Jan Kinney. This group is full.

Thursdays @ 9:30am with Jaye Moyer. This group is full.

Contact the host for call in/and or videoconference instructions:
jayemoyer@gmail.com or 845-774-9364; donna1489@gmail.com or 845-537-3458; jankinney1949@hotmail.com or 845-457-4578



Inviting Bell

Opening Words

Welcome and Announcements

Chalice Lighting – Poem by John O'Donohue read by Diane Diachishin

Offering & Offertory

Time for All Ages – “The Strawberry,” as told by Rev. Antal

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Call and Response

Reading – The Words of Bill Gates read by Macia Westra

Guided Meditation – Jaye Moyer

Homily – Rev. Evin Carvill Ziemer, Congregational Life Consultant

Hymn – “This Little Light of Mine” led by Diane Diachishin

Closing Fellowship Circle

***Closing Words**

***Extinguishing the Chalice** – *Extinguishing the Flame* by Elizabeth Selle Jones

We extinguish this flame but not the Light of Truth,
The Warmth of Community, or the fire of Commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Stay connected during this challenging time!

The UUCRT calendar is being updated with links as information becomes available. If you click on a link on the calendar, there will be more details regarding how you can participate.

[Click Here to View The Calendar](#)

Announcements, continued.

Stay Connected! For the health and safety of our community, all In-person meetings at 9 Vance Lane are cancelled until further notice. Sunday Services will continue through phone and web meeting. Check your email and uucr.org for the details.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan Grant for COVID19

Volunteers wanted for a UUCRT COVID19 Task Force to provide front-line services with this grant! Contact Rev. Antal. This fund will issue grants up to \$5,000.00 to established nonprofit organizations that provide front-line services to our most vulnerable populations – necessities such as food for our neediest families and prescription drug deliveries to homebound senior citizens and people with compromised immune systems.

Virtual Outreach Task Force forming, Volunteers needed! Now is the time to revamp our website and facebook page. Join a task force to advise our minister and administrator who will implement your recommendations! Contact UUCRT Administrator, Kris McGrath.

From Scott Manley, Town of Newburgh Councilman: The County is looking for Volunteers to help with distributing food. You can call 845-291-4000 and leave a message. They will be in office M-F 9-5.

Climate Justice: the UU UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar, online and free for all. Click [here](#) for more information.

Delegates Needed for the UUA General Assembly in June! General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). *GA will happen, if not in-person, then on-line! You can be a virtual delegate from home!* Please contact Rev. Antal to represent the UUCRT.

Beware of Scammers! You see an email or a text from your minister asking for a favor. STOP! This scam is hitting hundreds of UU congregations. When we are anxious, our cognitive functioning and reason give way to functioning on auto-pilot, or even a mode of flight, fight or freeze. The UUCRT leadership will NEVER ask for money in a one-on-one manner.

Do You Have Any Rock Tavern UU History to Share? This October the UUCRT will celebrate its 150th Birthday! Wanted: photos; newspaper clippings; newsletters; connections with former friends/members. Contact Linda Mangelsdorf 845-561-6392 or LNCM75@gmail.com.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation Socially Distanced from Rock Tavern

join online with video

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/725185141>

join by phone
+1 (646) 749-3122
access code 725-185-141

Order of Service

Sunday, March 29nd, 2020 at 10:30 am



Minister: Rev. Chris Antal, D. Min.
www.UUCRT.org

We welcome people of all faiths and spiritual beliefs, all seekers regardless of race, color, sex, disability, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, age, or socioeconomic status.