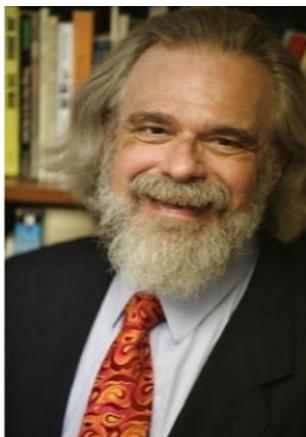
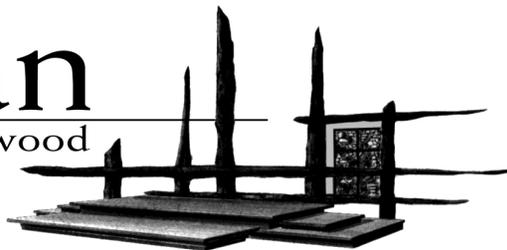


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Society of Ridgewood



From the Interim Minister's Mailbox

As we begin a new calendar year and approach the midpoint of our first program year together, I am excited by the willingness of so many of you to work so hard on behalf of the Society (something noted in many cottage meetings) and the enthusiasm of many of you for the deep work of intentional transitional ministry. I see this enthusiasm manifested in the cottage meetings, but also in formal and informal encounters with many of you individually, in committees, and in casual groups.

Ninety-two of you participated in sixteen meetings between October 8th and December 6th. As those of you who were at the Society for the December 13th service heard, there was a wide range of feelings and opinions expressed in the cottage meetings. One frequently expressed hope was that there be more such small group meetings. I am pleased to tell you that there will be such meetings organized around three of the themes that came up in many groups. The details will be in next week's email blast.

On January 3rd, I will offer you my thoughts on the new year of 2016 with a focus on the world in which we "live, move, and have our being." Much in the world is daunting. But imagination and hope are human tools for living in difficult times.

A religious community inspires its members to imagination and hope. A minister provides leadership to the community in nurturing inspiration to imagination and hope, and also in dealing with loss and despair. A minister works with members one-to-one.

Therefore, I remind you of my office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM. There are some regular meetings during my Tuesday hours, so please call ahead. Monday is my day off. I do not look at USR email on Monday. Thursday is my research and preparation day, during which I work at home or in a library. I check email once in the morning and once in the afternoon on Thursday. I am available for appointments outside of office hours, including some Saturdays. Please email or call me to set up an appointment. If you have an emergency and need your minister, call me on my cell phone at any time. The number is 646-515-4729.

Let the New Year begin!
Rev Dr TJ



Reflections

Happy New Year! I remember as a child and teenager how exciting New Year's Eve was - staying up late, drinking sparkling cider, celebrating with friends. Now I'm lucky (or unlucky?!) if I'm still awake by midnight, as one of the exciting things about parenting a young child is a built-in 6 a.m. alarm clock. One thing remains, though: the feeling of excitement about a new beginning, and the ever-loftier resolutions born of that feeling. I realize, though, looking back at the resolutions I made last year, that I am no different than most other Americans in the resolution department. I set unrealistic goals. I make goals for the entire year, instead of breaking the year up into more manageable time periods. I don't make a plan for how I will accomplish my goals. I don't celebrate little milestones along the way. I feel totally defeated by minor setbacks. In other words, I set myself up to fail, and then...I fail! Perhaps it's time for a different approach?

This year, instead of starting by thinking about what I need to change, what will make me a better, shinier version of myself, I'm going to start with gratitude. How might that look? Last year one of my resolutions was to finish the 10k I run each August under a certain time. I actually came close, about two minutes over. Still, I did not accomplish what I had set out to do. The result was that instead of feeling ecstatic that I had accomplished my fastest time in 5 years of running this race, I was disappointed. This year, tempted to make a similar goal, I am instead thinking about how grateful I am to have a body that can run, and people who run with me. I am reflecting on how wonderful it is to have that one weekend in August that I know I will be in Maine with family and friends, and how cool it is to run in this race alongside (actually...a couple miles behind) elite runners. I am realizing how lucky I am to have a husband who will encourage me to go run when I just don't feel like it, and who will always push the running stroller so I can run unencumbered. Finally, I am belatedly celebrating my personal record from this past August.

All this is not to say that we shouldn't make resolutions and goals. We should! It just seems, for me at least, that reflection and gratitude are an important part of the process that too often get left out. A happy consequence of all this reflection and gratitude might also be making goals that are attainable! Instead of guessing how fast I might be able to run 6.2 miles eight months from now, I resolve to run at least once a week with my family for the month of January - a time when my desire to be warm indoors usually trumps my desire to run. I'll check in with myself again in February.

On a related note - another thing I am grateful for is this Society, and having been raised as a Unitarian Universalist. If you are, too, you might resolve to find a way to work with our children and youth! (Pretty sneaky how I worked that in, huh?) It is never too late to volunteer in the RE program, and I have many different opportunities for people to share their talents. What talent can you bring to our kids? Please be in touch - I can hold your resolution and help you succeed!

Cheers to good health, happiness, and gratitude in the new year!

In faith,
Johanna

FROM THE BOARD



Dear friends,

As you may know, one of the Board's goals for this year is to communicate the new governance structure to the congregation. We have been doing this in a variety of ways – Town Hall meetings, small group discussions, and now, this article.

Our new structure is really a modification on changes begun more than five years ago. At that time, the Board decided that it would be most productive for it to focus on strategic decision-making, rather than ongoing operations. To this end, the Board created the Leadership Council, which is the precursor to our Program Council. The Leadership Council assumed maintenance and operations functions and freed the Board to focus on longer-range planning.

Last year, the Board further modified the governance structure, creating the Program Council, which supplanted the Leadership Council. The Program Council is a leaner structure, focused solely on programming and the day-to-day work of the congregation. It comprises Membership, Ministry and Social Responsibilities, and is charged with coordinating functions and activities between these three councils. This year, the Program Council adopted its congregational focus, which is Black Lives Matter, and it has been deeply engaged in planning and executing programs about this important issue.

We are often asked about which body – the Board of Trustees or the Program Council – has responsibilities for decision-making in a given area. To this end, we have been developing a working model for determining which body has decision-making authority. Here are the broad contours of this model:

An issue goes to the Board of Trustees if it involves:

- Facilities;
- Finance (including the budget);
- Human Resources;
- Safe Congregation concerns;
- Nominating or Leadership Development;
- Long Range/Strategic Planning;
- Denominational certifications or considerations

An issue goes to the Program Council if it involves:

- Day to day programming;
- Membership;
- Ministry;
- Social Responsibilities;
- Relationships between the three councils

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or one of the other trustees. As always, thank you for all you do for our beloved community.

Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy new year,
Suzanne

FROM THE BOARD

48th Annual Service Auction Reservations Required!

The 48th annual Service Auction will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2016. (Snow date Saturday, January 30, 2016.) Cocktail reception and silent auction will start at 6:30 and the live auction at 8:00. If you plan on attending, please contact Robin Ritter as soon as possible to make your reservations. Emails at robin-ritteruu@gmail.com are preferred, but you can also call her at 973-310-3525. This cost of this event is \$25.00 per person and includes hearty appetizers, open bar, coffee and dessert. We also provide free childcare. If you require childcare, please give Robin the names and ages of your children.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 23rd!

Also, even though the Auction catalog has been published, we welcome submissions for our addendum. Any questions? Please contact LuAnn Markowitz at luannmarkowitz1@gmail.com or Dawn Walter at dawnwallers@gmail.com.

Endowment Fund Grant Application

The Planning Giving Committee is pleased to announce that grant applications from the Endowment Fund are now being accepted. Members and friends are encouraged to submit grant applications for programs and initiatives directed at programs or events that emulate the goals of the Society and our social and community outreach programs.

Grant applications should be submitted to the Planned Giving Committee by March 14. Awards will be made in early April after Board approval. Forms are available in the office or [click here](#) for the application.

If you need information on ways to honor or memorialize someone with a contribution to the Endowment Fund or wish to learn about estate giving and legacy planning, please feel free to contact Jeff Cagan, committee chair.



USR CONGREGATIONAL FOCUS 2015-2016

Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice in America

The Racial Justice Committee is planning events throughout the next few months to explore this congregational theme. Last year we had events looking at mass incarceration in America, a theme that has turned out to be a significantly relevant precursor to this year's focus. In October 2015, we sponsored a stimulating discussion of National Book Award nominee Ta-Nehesi Coates' book "Between the World and Me".



The events to come in **January and early February** include:

Sunday, January 17 - Rev. Dr. Tony Johnson's address - "The Arc of the Moral Universe - Who Bends It? We Bend It!" - The Radical Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 18 - USR children, youth, and parents join children from Paterson's C.A.M.P. YDP in a day of fun here at the Society. The event runs from 9:45 to 1:45 and includes arts and crafts, board games, lego building, button making, and other activities, as well as a lunch and early afternoon professional entertainment.

Bring your children for all or part of the day and show them you believe in Dr. King's message and the ongoing efforts to realize his dream. Check out the bulletin board in the back stairwell for details and to sign up.

Monday, January 18 (for USR adults not involved with the USR activities (see above):

"We Shall Not be Silent" a community celebration of Dr. King at the Ridgewood Methodist Church on Van Neste Square starting at 10 a.m. with an interfaith service featuring fellow Selma-marcher Rev. Joseph Ellwanger followed by a rally, free lunch and the screening of a documentary, "I Shall Not be Silent" about Rabbi Joachim Prinz, an outspoken rabbi in the 1930s in Berlin who became an activist civil rights worker and colleague of Dr. King's in America. Special guest Senator Cory Booker will address the service.

Friday, February 5 - Starting from Far Behind the Starting Line: How Poverty, Racism, and Lack of Access to Resources Impact Children and Their Families sponsored by the Reproductive Justice Committee. A panel of 3 human rights advocates and professionals will be moderated by USR member Bob Jones. Light supper at 6:30 p.m.; panel at 7:30 p.m.

Events in succeeding weeks include an evening viewing of "White Like Me", an exploration of white privilege with a discussion led by Helen Matusow-Ayres, and a Racial Justice lay service.

Please consider coming to all the events you can to deepen your own understanding of this very complex American challenge. Our timeline includes a congregational vote in April or May on whether to hang a Black Lives Matter banner in front of our building.

Contact Carol Loscalzo closcalzo2@aol.com or Carolyn Musser carolynmusser2@gmail.com for further information.

SAFE CONGREGATION RESPONSE TEAM

Last call for CPR/AED training

The Safe Congregation Response Team is offering Cardiopulmonary Pulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator (CPR/AED) training on Saturday, January 9, 2016 (snow date: Jan. 16) from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. It will include basic CPR for adults, children and infants as well as AED training. The team is pleased to offer this excellent training free of charge. To register, email Chandrika Chowdhry at usr.secretary@gmail.com by the deadline, **January 6th**.

Only 32% of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) victims receive bystander CPR and only 2% are treated with AEDs. When SCA victims are treated quickly (CPR & AED use), survival rates increase to 38%. For every minute without CPR and defibrillation, the SCA victim's chance of survival decreases by 7 - 10 %. These statistics are stated in the website of the Adam Greenlee Foundation. Adam is a 13 year old Westport CT boy who was a victim of SCA when he was 11. Fortunately for him the incident occurred in the middle school gym which was next to the nurse's office. Two nurses responded, began CPR immediately and shocked the heart with the AED. Adam was revived, treated for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and is doing very well.

At USR we are fortunate to have 2 AEDs available. It is important to have as many people as possible trained in CPR/AED. Hopefully you will never need to use this skill; however, we will be extremely grateful to know that you are one of many at USR who can contribute in a meaningful way if there is an emergency.

MEMBERSHIP

First Wednesday Brown Bag Luncheon



Please join us for the First Wednesday Brownbag Luncheon at 1:00 p.m. (please note change of time) on January 6, 2016 hosted by Brietta Savoie, at 1 Glen Avenue, Apt. 203, Glen Rock, N.J. She will provide beverages and dessert. Please R.S.V.P. at [201-652-6651](tel:201-652-6651) to let her know that you are coming and to let her give you directions if necessary. All are welcome.

Coordinator for Coffee Hour

Our capable coordinator of the last few years, Elizabeth Ames, has stepped up to the Board of Trustees. We already have a group of experienced, reliable volunteers. We have the food and coffee delivered. We need a coordinator, or 2 people to do it together. Please consider stepping up yourself. Contact carolyn-musser2@gmail.com.

Newcomer's Brunch

Please join us on Sunday, January 17th, 11:30 a.m. in the Reeb conference room for a Newcomer's Brunch. This is a fun, social and informative opportunity to meet members of the congregation and to find out how to become involved and learn about membership. Childcare is available, with advance notice.

MINISTRY COUNCIL



2016 and WE START ALL OVER AGAIN

MINISTRY COUNCIL

Upcoming Services

- January 3rd **"Wild Dreams of a New Beginning" - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson**
The title is borrowed from poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, whose anarchist's fear of destruction and hope for the future are inspiring to this minister. In an era of global warming, blatant racism, economic inequity, and the trivialization of political discourse, there is much to discourage us. But in the refusal of many to give in to these, in the flourishing of imagination, and - perhaps most of all - in the refusal of good visionary people to shut up and sit down there is much reason for hope. Happy New Year!
- January 10th **"It's Only Change" - The Rev. Craig Hirshberg, MNY Ministerial Settlement Representative**
- January 17th **"The Arc of the Moral Universe - Who Bends It? We Bend It!" - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson**
In adapting an old image and making it his own, Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke memorably of the arc of history bending toward justice. King made it clear that it was the people - whatever their faith - who did the bending. This service will not celebrate the domesticated King, but the radical King, whom many - including some liberals - would like to forget.
Musicians:
- January 24th **"The Right to Have an Abortion" - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson**
A few days following the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, in which the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a woman's right to abortion, the right to have an abortion is in danger. This message draws on Katha Pollitt's book PRO: Reclaiming Abortion Rights and Marge Piercy's essay "My Life, My Body." It also draws on personal experience. Please call or email Dr. Johnson if you would like to share an experience that could be incorporated into this morning's message.
- January 31st **Senior Youth Group Service - James Forrest, Youth Group Advisor**
How can we learn to live in harmony with others, the world, and with our beliefs? The service will be an exploration of what it means to be at peace with ourselves and is written and planned by members of the combined CUC/USR Youth Group.

CIRCLE OF LIFE

We send our condolences to Bob and Marion Jones for the passing of Bob's mother on Thanksgiving night.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

UU Outreach Auction

Thank you all for your support and encouragement for the UU Outreach Auction. It shows what we can accomplish when we combine the efforts of the three Bergen County Unitarian Universalist congregations. We raised more than \$50,000 for the six charities.

Theresa Brennan of Bergen CASA described the evening,

"Last night was simply overwhelming. Words really can't describe the tremendous feeling I have today after meeting so many wonderful people and experiencing this event firsthand. And it wasn't just because of the unbelievable generosity of the group towards me, the CASA program and all of the other charities represented. It is also because of the amazing good will and support and community spirit that enveloped the entire evening from beginning to end. Thank you for an incredible night. I will never forget it!"

A special thank you to Dawn Walter, LuAnn Markowitz, Laura Krag and Suzanne Samuels for creating delicious desserts to feed the 160 guests, and give them a sugar high that spurred the bidding.

Mark your calendars for next year, **November 12, 2016** at 6 pm for a fun and inspirational evening!

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF RIDGEWOOD CELEBRATES

MLK WEEKEND



Sunday, January 17th
 USR Sunday Service at 10am

**“The Arc of the Moral Universe –
 Who Bends It? We Bend It!”** The Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson

Monday, January 18th *Two ways to celebrate!*

For USR adults:

Join others in the interfaith community for the 34th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Committee day of events highlighting the theme, “We Shall Not be Silent” at the **United Methodist Church**, Ridgewood. *See further details below.*

For USR Families:

MLK CAMP/USR Family Day:

USR children (preschool through 5th grade), juniors, youth, and parents join children from Paterson’s C.A.M.P. YDP at USR for a day of fun. Scheduled from 9:45 to 1:45.
(Children must be accompanied by an adult)

For Families:

Preschool and older USR children (accompanied by an adult) join C.A.M.P. children in activities directed by USR/CUC Youth.

9:45 a.m. Activities

11:30 a.m. Lunch for preschoolers and parents

12:00 p.m. Lunch for elementary age children, parents and youth volunteers

12:30 p.m. Preschool dismissal

1:00-1:45 p.m. Julie Pasqual, Storyteller

For further information contact Karen Ramsahai and Sean Brennan. For lunch reservations, contact Donald Campolo.

For Adults:

10:00 a.m. Interfaith Service at United Methodist Church, 100 Dayton Street, Ridgewood. The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger, who marched alongside Dr. King and led a group of white citizens in support of black voters' rights in Selma, Ala., in 1965. Special guest Senator Cory Booker will address the service.

11:30 am Justice Rally in Van Neste Park

12:00 Fellowship Lunch

1:00 pm, “Joachim Prinz, I Shall Not be Silent.”, a documentary about Rabbi Prinz, expelled from Germany in 1937. Prinz was a rabbi in Newark (NJ), President of the American Jewish Congress and leader in the civil rights movement who helped to organize the 1963 March on Washington. Prinz witnessed racism and realized the American ideal was not a reality.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

~Our Generous Community~

Thank you from NJAAF

The New Jersey Abortion Access Fund extends gratitude and appreciation to the congregation for their generosity during the plate collection on December 13th, 2015. We are humbled and thrilled to report that the congregation donated \$1,013.00. As a result of your kindness, women in NJ will have access to safe and legal abortion care. NJAAF is and always will be grateful for the support we receive from the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood community. Happy New Year, and thank you!

Racial Justice Committee Upcoming Plate Collection

On Sunday, January 17, 2016, the plate collection will be donated to the People's Organization for Progress (P.O.P.). USR has had a long relationship with P.O.P. and it has become traditional to donate the collection on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday to this vibrant group. In 2015 POP, along with numerous other organizations, sponsored a "Million People's March" in Newark as a powerful voice of protest against the vicious killings of black citizens by police. These protests, all over the country, have led to the Black Lives Matter movement which is supported and promoted by our congregation. POP is an entirely volunteer organization and depends on the donations of its members and friends. It does not have 501(c)3 status because it is active in the political process. Checks payable to the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, with POP on the memo line, may be placed in the collection plate on January 17, or mailed to the Society.

Plate Collection Application Deadline - Wednesday, January 13, 2016

In 2009, the USR Board granted the Social Responsibilities Council (SRC) approval to use the Offertory Collection at Sunday services to collect money for social justice causes, as determined by the SRC. Since then the congregation has responded generously. During the 2014-15 congregational year we donated \$13,441 to 14 plate collections. The deadline to submit applications for the next cycle is Wednesday, January 13, 2016. The Council will consider all requests made by members and friends of the USR. Please think about what social justice causes you are involved with and complete an application. The cause should be consistent with the mission of USR to be "a beacon of justice and love in the world". For full criteria, consult the Plate Collection Guidelines which can be found on the USR website (SRC webpage). The application form is available on the USR website or at the SRC table. If you would like the Council to consider an organization to receive a plate collection please complete this form and submit it to the office or send to Carol Loscalzo, SRC chair, at closcalzo2@aol.com Thank you.



Climate justice activist Bill McKibben writes, "I don't see any point in simply despairing. There are things we can do to help avert disaster, and I'm going to try to do them, and write about them, and blow on as many embers as I can in the hopes that they'll start a fire." This is what [UUCSJ youth programs](#) are all about: starting that fire.

UUCSJ programs are all designed to inspire and support more people in such collective action, and we are very excited about our [three Activate programs for high school age teens](#) coming up this summer. Each one-week program will focus on a core social justice issue of our time — climate change, immigration, and racism — and will offer participants a deep exploration of the challenges and inspiring examples of how people are organizing for effective change.

Ask your Teens to get Involved!

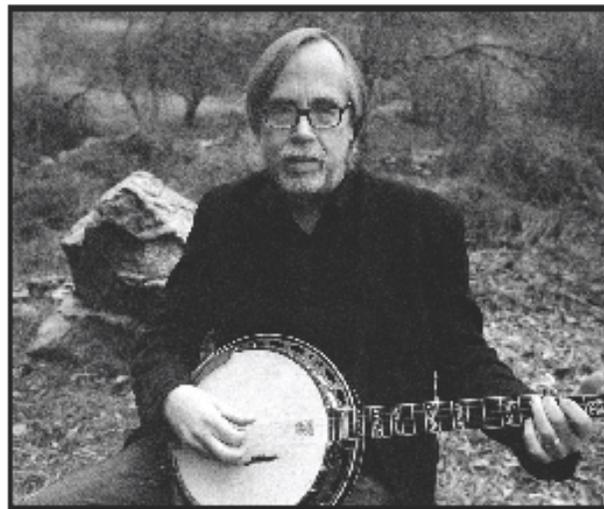
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Saturday, January 9th

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				<p>*Monday Night Zen: First-Timers, please call Marcia Spitz</p>			

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Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

Mission Statement

Growing in mind and spirit,
We act together as a beacon for justice and love,
Transforming self and world. Adopted May 17, 2009

Invitation to Participate

Welcome! For over a hundred years this Society has been a place where free-thinking, broad-minded persons have come to participate in a vibrant, liberal religious community. In fulfillment of our current congregational mission we create a safe and loving environment that supports personal growth and provides ways for each individual to make a difference in the larger community.

We offer a stimulating Sunday service, an excellent religious education program for children and youth, and many educational, spiritual and social activities for adults. Every Sunday our Social Responsibilities Council has a table set up during Social Hour with information about social justice and charitable opportunities.

Anti-Racist Congregation

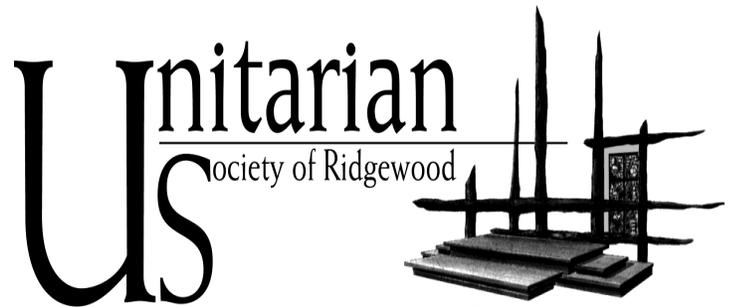
This Society is an [anti-racist congregation](#) committed to reflecting this commitment in the life and culture of the entire organization. Adopted May, 2002.

Living the Welcoming

We have been a Welcoming Congregation since 1998, supporting the rights of bisexual, gay, lesbian and transgender people.

Safe Congregation

This Society is a Safe Congregation where practices and procedures serve to ensure all members, friends, adults, children and youth are treated with respect and protected from harassment and abuse.



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