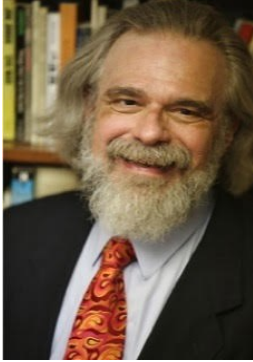
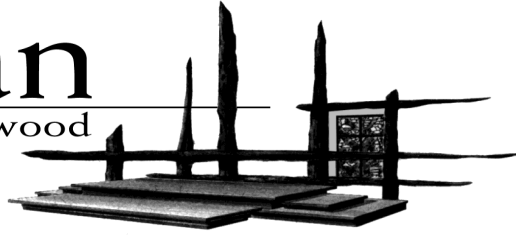


# Unitarian

## Society of Ridgewood



**From the Interim  
Minister's Mailbox**

March is a special month for me. I was born in March. So was my best friend.

He was born in the winter. I was born in the spring. He's always been ten days older.

Before climate change became so obvious, we who lived in the Northeastern United States could expect the coming of spring (the vernal equinox) to occasion – roughly, at least – a change in the weather. Being born ten days apart mattered. It is still February as I write, and the weather has been spring-like for most of the week. Having read just a few days ago of scientific prediction of more rapid sea rise than had already been forecast kept me from quietly forgetting just how precarious our existence is on planet Earth.

This morning I read that astronaut Scott Kelly will be returning to the ground after 340 days on the international space station. His stay is a record for an American astronaut (although not for a cosmonaut). In an interview he stated that looking at Earth from space and seeing the pollution of the planet made him more and more of an environmentalist.

These observations reinforce the fact that the world changes and that one's perception of the world changes.

The air was cool on the day of the first Black Lives Matter demonstration in Clearwater, Florida. I was just looking at the pictures and saw that I was wearing a jacket. So were the others, including the retired police officer in our group.

Black Lives Matter reminds me that for many people Black lives do not matter. Two recent histories of the economics of slavery go into the details of how chattel slaves were priced and insured. Black lives had monetary value, but not value as citizens. In his new book, *Brown Is the New White*, Steve Phillips shows how the centuries of the devaluing of Black lives has resulted in lower family wealth and income even 150 years after the end of slavery.

Because Unitarian Universalists affirm the worth and dignity of every person, we know that all lives matter. But our history of prophetic action – including our work for civil rights in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and glbt rights in this century – shows that sometimes the value of the lives of one group or another needs to be lifted up. We have had to emphasize that these particular lives matter because they have not mattered to American society as a whole to the extent that those of whites and heterosexuals have mattered. The consistent failure over centuries to bring to justice the killers of black Americans – made so obvious in the years since the death of Trayvon Martin – is why today I and many others say out loud “Black lives matter.”

Sometimes we come to understand the universal through the specific. I posit that I understand the worth and value of each and every individual through the challenges of injustices falling upon specific individuals and groups of individuals.

From the international space station Scott Kelly sees clouds of pollution concentrated in different places on the earth's surface. From my perspective on the ground I see unpunished violence against African Americans and the other inequities of structural racism.

I will have more to say during my Message on March 13<sup>th</sup> and welcome you to a discussion by the Anderson fireplace following the service.

Rev Dr TJ

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM, and other times by appointment. Direct line at USR: 201-345-9587; Cell phone: 646-515-4729; [usr.minister@gmail.com](mailto:usr.minister@gmail.com)



## Reflections

Greetings, dear congregants! So many exciting things have happened in the past month in our Religious Education Program! I thought I would take this space to share with you some of the highlights and recognize some excellent volunteers.

Our preschool - 3rd graders participated in two workshops that highlighted our 7th Principle - We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of life of which we are all a part - in fun and varied ways. They used numbers to think about how we are all connected (see the bulletin board in the RE corridor), created mini rainbow explosions using kool aid, baking soda, and water to learn about cause & effect, and connected through yoga. Finally, they thought about our congregation as a mini web of life, and how children in the Religious Education program and adults (especially non-RE parents) can be better connected. To that end, Marcy Cagan, one of our local photographers, took photographs of the children and then helped them mount and decorate the photos. Those decorated photos are now displayed on the large bulletin

board in the stairwell of the Main Building. Please take a look to get a better idea of what happens downstairs while you're in Sunday Service. Thanks to Stephanie Brennan, Anastasia Bamberg, Marcy Cagan, and Emma Wisniewski-Barker for leading the workshops!

On the theme of connecting "upstairs" (adults, Sunday Service) and "downstairs" (kids, RE), our Junior Seminar - 6th and 7th graders - are working on a clothing drive to collect clothes for Guatemalan immigrants living in Palisades Park. They will be reaching out to all the RE classes as well as adults during coffee hour and the March 6 service to solicit everyone's participation in this project. They are working to make this a truly intergenerational social service project! Thanks to Margaret White for connecting us to this project, Sally Lewis for being the liaison, Eileen Jarrett for agreeing to transport the clothing, and our Junior Seminar leaders - Sean Brennan, Dave Myers, and Susan Fink - for supporting the youth!

Our Sr. Youth Group is also doing wonderful things - hopefully many of you got to witness some of this at our Sr. Youth Service on January 30. They are also about to launch a partnership with the Youth Media Symposium (YMS) of the Abbott Leadership Institute at Rutgers, Newark. They will be collaborating with YMS youth to learn more about inequities in the New Jersey public education system, and how to advocate for educational justice and reform. Thanks to Sally Lewis and the Education Justice Committee for setting up this partnership, and to our dedicated Sr. Youth Group advisors - Phread Ayres from USR and others from CUC - as well as our enthusiastic Youth Group Coordinator, James Forrest for supporting this and all other Sr. Youth Group endeavors. Finally thanks is due to all of our fantastic Religious Education teachers, mentors, and substitutes who make every effort to connect with our children and youth and to make USR a place that children and youth want to be on Sunday mornings. In the coming months, you may be hearing a lot about "Building a Bridge to the Future". Our children and youth ARE the future, and there are so many ways you can support them, by supporting USR with your time, talent and treasure. Many of you already are and for that I am grateful. If you are interested in working directly with our children and youth or otherwise supporting our RE program, but don't know where to start, I am always happy to talk with you! I am also excited to have the opportunity to share more about our Religious Education Program, in collaboration with the children and teachers, during the RE Celebration Service on March 20. I hope you will all be there. See you at the Society.

In faith, Johanna

Hello from your Youth Coordinator!

The CUC/USR youth group is off to a great start in the new year. After weeks of planning we put on two spectacular worship services at Ridgewood and Paramus! The group's writing and music talents were on full display as the 14 members of the group explored the theme of "Desire." I want to thank everyone for the support and praise given to our youth after the services, they put in a lot of hard work and I know they got a lot out of doing it.

Our youth have been active in UU events both locally and regionally, with teens attending a chaplain training in Montclair, NJ and also participating in a Regional Youth Caucus in Harrisburg, PA. Our weekly youth group meetings have continued in the afternoon and continue to give our youth a place to connect with their peers and build a meaningful religious community. Our meeting location is switching back to Ridgewood for the months of March and April with the same time from 3:00-5:00pm.

We're also beginning to embark on a social justice project this spring that we're pretty excited about. We're going to be connecting with youth programs at the Abbot Leadership Institute at Rutgers University in Newark and taking a closer look at school systems in Newark as well as Paramus and Ridgewood. We're hoping to arrange school visits down to Newark in the next few months as well. It should be a great opportunity for our youth to learn more about the cultures of other high schools and communities. Thanks everyone and have a great month!

Thanks, James

## FROM THE BOARD



Dear Friends,

According to the old adage, March roars in like a lion and out like a lamb. Certainly the first part of this saying is true for us: we enter March busy and engaged with meaningful work to do. But while the weather will probably turn mild as we approach April, we will continue to roar with activity!

This month, we will elect our **Ministerial Search Committee**, a group of seven members who will help guide us towards our next settled minister. A strong field of congregants has agreed to be nominated for this committee, and at our Town Hall on March 20 we will hear their statements about why they are interested in serving. The election will follow soon after.

In March, we will continue to energetically pursue this year's congregational focus, which is **Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice in America**. In February, there was a lot of work around our Congregational Theme, "Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice in America."

On February 5, the USR hosted a **panel discussion** sponsored by the Reproductive Justice Committee entitled "Starting from Far Behind the Starting Line: How Poverty, Racism, and Lack of Access to Resources Impact Children and Their Families." This program sought to increase awareness about the issue of child poverty in New Jersey, one of the wealthiest states in America;

At the Town Hall on Sunday February 21, the Racial Justice Team provided a **Black Lives Matter informational session** and introduced a proposal to hang a Black Lives Matter banner on the building at a Town Hall Meeting;

On Friday night February 26, the **film "White Like Me"** was shown and a discussion on the topic of White Privilege followed;

That Sunday, February 28, three USR members shared their experiences and reflections at a **Lay Service on White Privilege**.

The Board will be calling a **congregational vote** to hang the Black Lives Matter banner on the building on April 24. We encourage you to engage in a discussion with your fellow congregants about this important topic.

In March, we will also embark again on **small group ministry**, with many opportunities for congregants to come together and talk with each other in an intimate setting. **Connections** will once again form, organized by Bea Cronin and Caroline Lavanhar. Building on the success of the Fall/Winter Cottage Meetings, the **Transition Team** will also offer two additional series of meetings: one discussing how we support the things we value, the other examining theological diversity.

Perhaps it is appropriate that amidst all this activity, this month we kick off our Annual Budget Drive. The theme of this year's drive is **"Building a Bridge to the Future."** Our goal is to strengthen our bridge's footings in anticipation of the ministerial search. Your ambitious generosity is essential for a number of reasons: among these are funding the search and continuing to provide Fair Compensation for our staff. I encourage you to listen to the testimonials of your friends and fellow congregants, consider the Board's well-considered proposals, come to the Fellowship Feast on March 19, and then think about what this beloved community means to you. If you can, I urge you to increase your pledge.

I am excited about the weeks and months ahead. Our congregation is a vibrant, engaged community, devoted to our mission and vision, and to the principles of Unitarian Universalism. We stand on the cusp of a great transition. Together we can build the bridge that brings us to next phase of our life together.

Warmest regards,  
Suzanne

## FROM THE BOARD

### USR CONGREGATIONAL FOCUS 2015-2016 Black Lives Matter and Racial Justice in America



The presentation at the February 21 Town Hall is now available on our website. If you couldn't be there, please [click here](#) and read about all that has been happening. You can also see the banner that has been proposed.

Coming events:

**March 13:** Rev. Dr. Johnson speaks on Black Lives Matter with discussion after the service.

**April 17:** Education Justice Committee lay service

**April 24:** Congregational vote on the Black Lives Matter banner

**May 8:** Reproductive Justice Committee Mama's Day lay service.

**Important date:** Individuals who have been thinking about becoming a member of USR and who would like to vote on this important matter must join (sign the membership book) no later than **March 27**. See Ann Paret, the membership administrator to learn the responsibilities of membership and to sign the membership book.

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**CLICK HERE** to find out about some major accomplishments by members of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

This is one of a series of Did You Know documents from the 2016 Annual Budget Drive Committee.

Our Theme for 2016: **"Building a Bridge to the Future."**



### 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. Grants are due by **March 14th**. Awards will be made in early April after Board approval. Forms are available in the office or [click here](#) to download an application. If you wish 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.

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL



### FELLOWSHIP FEAST Saturday, March 19th, 6 p.m. in Anderson

Enjoy an evening of laughter, food and fellowship. You should receive an invitation from your table host by March 6th. If you don't hear from your host by March 6th, please contact Ann Pareti at 201-444-6225 or email [usr.membership1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.membership1@gmail.com). Childcare will be provided.

## MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

### UU Class

Please join us for the next two UU Classes on Sunday, March 6th and March 13th. These classes will be led by Rev. Dr. Anthony Johnson and will cover Unitarian and Universalist Theology and History as well as the functionality of The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood and the Unitarian Universalist Association. Becoming a member of the USR will also be discussed. Lunch is provided as well as childcare, with advance notice. Call Ann Pareti at 201-444-6225 to reserve your spot.

## MINISTRY COUNCIL

### Connections Spring 2016

New groups are now forming for the Spring season of Connections, a spiritual practice in which six to ten people gather to speak from the heart, to be heard, and to listen deeply to each other. Groups meet for eight sessions, twice a month from March-June. Please click [here](#) for details and to sign up.



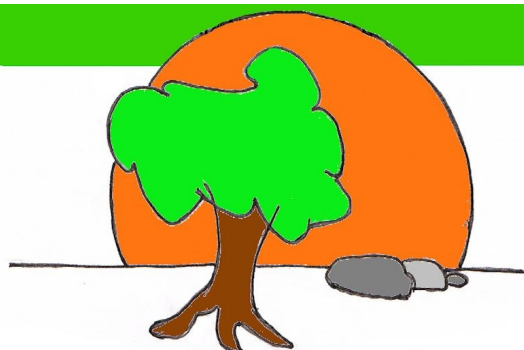
## MINISTRY COUNCIL



### Calling all animal lovers

Chloe Monplaisir is collecting supplies to help dogs at the Ramapo-Bergen **Refuge** while they are awaiting adoption by a loving family.

You can help by donating: Rubber Kong Toys (Large & medium), Nyla Bones, Sturdy Dog Toys, Collapsible crates, Nutro/Pedigree/Mighty Dog canned dog food (ground only) or Sensitive Stomach and Grain-Free dog food. Each Sunday, in the month of March, there will be a collection box for donations set up in Fellowship.



## JOURNEY THROUGH AGING II

CONSCIOUS AGING...CARE OF CARE GIVERS  
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*Saturday April 2, 2016 9am-1pm here at USR  
 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED CHILD CARE AVAILABLE*

*A free seminar Brought to you by USR Pastoral Associates*

At our April 2, **JOURNEY THROUGH AGING II** seminar, the main speaker, Anne Wennhold comes to us well qualified (If I were thirty years younger, I'd probably add "SUPER" to well qualified). Anne has been lecturing and facilitating seminars, on topics around deepening our senior years for almost two decades. Her talk title is **CONSCIOUS AGING** and will cover areas central to post retirement life.

**JOURNEY THROUGH AGING II** is a no charge (free) service of our USR Pastoral Associates. Reservations are Required and can be made by clicking [here](#) or signing up at the JOURNEY table at Sunday coffee hour or by calling the church office, 201-444-6225.

## MINISTRY COUNCIL

### Upcoming Services

March 6<sup>th</sup>

**“Ambitious Generosity - Time for all Ages - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson**

Ambitious people have ambitious goals. They are generous in their support of their values, values that sustain them. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, “when we aim at others’ good we are really obtaining our own.” We are generous when we care deeply. Your and my generosity is ambitious when it serves our highest values. Musician: Ron Levy, piano

March 13<sup>th</sup>

**“Black Lives Matter - An Imperative for this UU Minister - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson**

Because Unitarian Universalists affirm the worth and dignity of every person, I believe we must especially affirm the worth and dignity of those whose lives have been disvalued. The lives of Black people have been disvalued since Europeans first brought slaves on these shores. Black lives have been disvalued by public policy, structural racism, and the misuse of lethal force by some police. This is why I have supported Black Lives Matter from its start. Musicians: Ron Levy, piano and Tomoko Ohno, jazz piano

March 20<sup>th</sup>

**“Religious Education Celebration Sunday” - Johanna Seale**

This Sunday will be an opportunity to learn more about the faith development of our children and youth, hear from our religious education teachers, and share your own thoughts about Unitarian Universalist Religious Education! Musician: Ron Levy, piano; Mario Correa, trumpet - Eric Ewazen’s “Elizabethan Songbook”

March 27<sup>th</sup>

**“More Resurrections than I Can Count!” - Rev. Dr. Anthony P. Johnson**

Unitarian Universalists do not believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead. But that does not mean that there are no resurrections. In fact, there are probably more resurrections than I can count: resurrections of lives that were floundering, of communities that were dying, of causes that seemed lost. Resurrection is not about the revival of an individual; it’s about the renewal of life, one way or another. Children will join in the first part of the service and then to special activities. Musicians: Ron Levy, piano; Kristen Plumley, soprano and USSR Children’s Choir.



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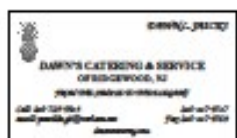
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Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

Central Unitarian Church, Paramus

Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of the Palisades, Englewood

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Teaneck

Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell

Darul Islah Mosque, Teaneck

First Friends of NJ and NY, Kearny

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# BENEFIT DINNER

## For the Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition

Keynote Speaker:

**Sally Pillay**

Director, First Friends of NJ & NY,  
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## Growth of Immigrant Detention and Possible Alternatives to Detention

Entertainment:

Michael Caldwell, piano

Ethan Lynch, vocalist

**Saturday**

**April 2, 2016**

**6:00 pm**

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### Family Promise Plate Collection

The team at Family Promise of Bergen County would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the entire congregation for your generous donation and for your volunteer support of the families. Thank you all as we were able to send Family Promise of Bergen County \$515.00 to support their critical programs.

**REPRODUCTIVE  
JUSTICE**

USR's Reproductive Justice Committee thinks there is no better way to transition between Black History Month and Women's History Month than to honor the section of the population that the Reproductive Justice movement celebrates every single day: **the amazing Black women who have shaped our country's history**. Here are just 3 of the *many* African American women heroes you should know about:

#### **Ella Josephine Baker: African American Civil Rights and Human Rights Activist (1903-1986)**

Racism was not a foreign concept to Ella's family; her grandmother was born to a slave, and her grandmother told Ella about times she was whipped for refusing to marry the man her master chose for her. Ella was never looking to be in the spotlight; after college, she became involved in women's rights organizations, but preferred to work behind the scenes, regardless of her natural leadership skills. Ella worked with both Dr. King and Rosa Parks, and served as a strong force in the NAACP. As a result of her efforts, Ella was known to many as "the backbone of the Civil Rights movement," as she taught many people, both black and white, how to become involved and empowered in the Civil Rights movement and beyond.

#### **Fannie Lou Hamer: American Voting Rights Activist, Civil Rights Leader, Philanthropist (1917-1977)**

Fannie was a hero in the field of fighting voter suppression during the Civil Rights movement, particularly in her home state of Mississippi. She worked with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to drive black voter registration, despite encountering aggression and threats from white supremacists. Fannie brought the issue to the national spotlight during the 1964 Democratic National Convention; as VP of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, she called out Mississippi's all-white delegation. Fannie's televised testimony of the struggle was so powerful that President Lyndon Johnson called an impromptu press conference to get it off the air. "I am sick and tired of being sick and tired!" – Fannie Lou Hamer

#### **Audre Lorde: American Writer, Feminist, LGBT Rights and Civil Rights Activist (1934-1992)**

Audre summed herself up as a "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet." Audre's work mastered the intersectionality of women's issues, LGBT issues, and civil rights issues, and gave a powerful voice to those who were oppressed. Audre's identity as a black lesbian undoubtedly influenced her poetry and activism as she focused on the struggles of women, blacks, LGBT people, and other marginalized groups. Her writings and speeches addressed the need for solidarity across struggles against oppression and, in particular, why an awareness of intersectionality is paramount. Her 1973 poetry collection, "From a Land Where Other People Live," was one of her most popular publications.

(Source: mic.com, "9 Influential Women in Black History You Won't Hear About in School" 2/18/15)

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL



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**It's that time of the year!** Shine your shoes and dust those cobwebs off your bowling ball, it's time to bowl for abortion access! The NJAAF Bowl-A-Thon is here.

On **April 2nd** reproductive justice warriors will be showing off their skills (or lack of skills, but ability to have a great time) and fundraising to make sure there is equal access to abortion, regardless of

race, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, age, class, immigration status and ability.

The New Jersey Abortion Access Fund is joining organizations across the nation to bowl for access. So, how can you help? Make a team, join a team, or make a donation – every contribution is appreciated.

When: April 2, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Where: Bowler City, Hackensack, NJ

Why: Because without access, can people truly have a choice?

How: Check out [www.njaaf.org](http://www.njaaf.org) for info. Contact Carol Loscalzo or Susanne Fuhrman with questions on how to join a team or make a donation.

### **Family Promise Needs Your Help**

Our Society supports Family Promise, a network of volunteers that shelters and feeds homeless working families in our area (see [www.bergenfamilypromise.org](http://www.bergenfamilypromise.org)). Twice a year, for two days at a time, we cook dinner and provide breakfast and lunch, provide chaperones to sleep over at the United Methodist Church right here in Ridgewood, play with the kids and do homework, and extend our friendship and fellowship to the adults. Please let me know if you can help us - I can pair people together so that no one is doing too much. My husband and I will be there at all times to help and answer questions. We have a Sunday and Monday night, March 13 and 14. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Betsy Longendorfer.

### **Clothing Drive**

**February 29-March 13, 2016**

The Junior Seminar is sponsoring a **spring and summer** clothing drive for **children and babies** to benefit Guatemalan immigrants in the Palisades Park, New Jersey area. The clothing will be collected on the Reeb porch and at the Social Responsibilities Table from February 29th to March 13th and the Community of Friends in Action (CoFia) will make the clothes available to the immigrant population. Contact Sally Lewis with questions.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### **Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ)**

Children can't vote. They have no political influence. They can't tell our state leaders what they need. Their needs are not priorities in the politics of Trenton. That is why we need Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ). ACNJ's efforts result in better laws and policies, more effective funding and stronger services for vulnerable children and families.

A cornerstone of ACNJ's success is its independence. They are a not-for-profit, that is strictly non-partisan and accepts no government funding for advocacy, freeing them to focus on a sole mission – helping children. ACNJ works tirelessly to identify children's needs through research, policy and legal analysis and strategic communications, to raise awareness of those needs and to work with elected officials and other decision-makers to enact effective responses.

For example, thanks to ACNJ's advocacy, eligible low-income children receiving school breakfast in Paterson rose from a dismissal 27% in 2011 to 97% in 2015! Children don't learn when they are hungry. ACNJ made a real difference for children in Paterson. We can help them do more!

Investments in our children reap results. Not for just one child, but for thousands of children across New Jersey. Changes in public policy can mean the difference between growing up healthy and strong or facing a lifelong struggle to survive. ACNJ's goal is to help all children grow up safe, healthy and educated, so they can become productive adults, contributing to New Jersey's communities, securing our future and making the state a better place to live.

If you are unable to attend the service you can learn more, volunteer and donate directly to ACNJ at [www.acnj.org](http://www.acnj.org). Thank you.

### **A Celebration to honor the Life of Tyler Clementi**

Please join us on April 24, 2016, 2:30 p.m. at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood, NJ for a concert to benefit the work of the Tyler Clementi Foundation. The Tyler Clementi Foundation's main focus is to end all online and offline bullying in schools, workplaces and faith communities. Using educational partnerships, awareness programs, public dialogues and research to create the safe, respectful and supportive social environment that all students and vulnerable youth deserve.

The concert, put on by Tyler's Suite, is a nine-piece choral work dedicated to the memory of Tyler Clementi, a talented young musician who died of suicide after becoming the victim of cyber bullying. Tyler was a talented violinist, winning many awards and scholarships. He performed and actively participated in many high school and community musical events.

Admission to the concert is free for high school students, \$5 for college students and \$20 suggested donation for adults. Click [here](#) for more details.

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# MARCH 2016

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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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