



November 2019

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL



First Wednesday Brown-bag Lunch

Please come to the next First Wednesday Brown-bag Luncheon on November 6, 2019 (day after the Election!) to be hosted by Georgetta Walsh at 1 p.m. at her home. She will provide dessert and beverages. Please RSVP to let her know you are coming and to get directions if needed. Come to meet both old-timers and newcomers. Hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome.

MINISTRY COUNCIL



NOVEMBER AT THE COTTAGE PLACE GALLERY

A Special Fundraising Exhibition
of Work by USR Member

Marion Jones

Reception:

Sunday, November 10, 2019

2:00 - 5:00 pm

100% of the proceeds from this special exhibition will be donated to the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood and Children's Aid and Family Services



Saturday
November 2, 2019
9am - 2pm



Great Stuff! Rain or Shine!

Bikes and Sporting Goods

Toys and Baby Items

Clothing, Accessories and Jewelry

Books, Puzzles and Games

Decorative Home Goods

Kitchenware

Light Fixtures

Seasonal Items

Small Furniture

and MUCH, MUCH more!



LOCATION:

Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

113 Cottage Place

Ridgewood, NJ 07450



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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

UU Outreach Auction - November 2

The UU Outreach Auction will be held on November 2nd at Central Unitarian Church in Paramus. This event is a fundraiser benefitting six selected Bergen County charities. Tickets are \$35 which includes dinner, tricky tray entries, and bidding opportunities for the live and silent auction. Contact Anita DiGiulio with your questions.

Thank you from SHARE!

Thank you USR! SHARE would like to thank all who contributed to the plate collection in September. Without your generous continued support the concept of affordable home-like housing for our older citizens would be impossible. Together we make a difference for dignity, respect and independence.

If anyone would like information about SHARE, please contact Don Campolo or Marilyn Maney.

Plate Collection November

The shared plate collection for the month of November will be donated to UUSC, our international relief organization. In existence since WWII, UUSC has provided help for those in need or in danger providing food, shelter, social services and direct personal aid for over 60 years. This year we will support them for the entire month rather than at Thanksgiving with Guest At Your table boxes. Please give generously.

SRC Plate Collection Deadline

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. In September 2018, the shared plate collection was begun. SRC continues to manage the applications and decisions regarding the applications. **The deadline to submit applications for the next cycle is Wednesday, November 20.** The Council will consider all requests made by members and friends of the USR. The cause should be consistent with the mission of USR to be "a beacon of justice and love in the world." The applications are on the USR website. Please complete the form and submit it to the office or send to Carol Loscalzo. Questions: ask Carol or any member of the SRC. All social justice chairs and co-chairs are on the Council.

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FOOD DRIVE

For the entire month of November the Hunger Action Committee will collect non-perishable food items and home supplies to be donated to Center for Food Action. Anytime during the month you are encouraged to drop off your donations in the office or on Sunday at the social action table. CFA supports 25,000 individuals in our community who are food insecure as well as counseling and, rent and utilities support. Please bring rice, beans, grains, peanut butter, soup, pasta, sauce, canned meat or fish, baby supplies, canned fruit, low sugar cereals, 100% juices, supermarket gift certificates or other items of your choosing. Thank you! See flyer on page 6.

Friday, November 8, 2019 Film: "Plastic Ocean"

Did you know that Ridgewood has voted to ban single use plastic bags effective Jan 1, 2020?

Come to see the movie "Plastic Ocean" and find out why this step is so important. See flyer on page 7 for details.

The Environmental Justice Committee is co-sponsoring the evening with the Ridgewood Green Team.



"DISMANTLING THE RACISM MACHINE" - November 15

All are invited to the interactive theatrical performance of ideas in Professor Karen Gaffney's "Dismantling the Racism Machine - An Interactive Performance" on Friday evening, November 15. Karen will be here with her troupe. See details in flyer on page 8.

SAFE CONGREGATION RESPONSE TEAM

Save the Date for AED/CPR Training: January 11, 2020!

It is that time of year again. Please read and consider registering for this training. The Safe Congregation Response Team is offering **AED/CPR training on Saturday, January 11, 2020** (snow date: January 18) from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. It will include basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training (CPR) for adults, children and infants as well as Automated External Defibrillator training. The team is pleased to offer this excellent training for the small charge of \$30 for each for the first 10 people who register. To register, email Chandrika Chowdhry at usr.secretary@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Carol Loscalzo.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

USR Annual Society Auction - January 25, 2020

Please Save the Date -- Saturday evening, January 25, 2020 for the annual Society Auction. Come and celebrate 51 Years of fun and fellowship at the largest USR fundraiser!

The forms for submitting your generous offerings will be available on the website on or about November 1st or click [here](#) to fill out auction offering forms now.

Looking forward to a great night!
Your Co-chairs,
Jeff Summerville and Suzanne Willis

FOOD DRIVE

***Center For Food Action** feeds 25,000 of our neighbors in Bergen County. They need our support. All of November (every day for the entire month), we will collect food here at USR to contribute to their efforts.*

***Help insure that no one in Bergen
County goes hungry !***

Bring non-perishable food items, beans, rice, grains, peanut butter, soup, pasta, sauce, canned meat or fish, baby supplies, canned fruit, low sugar cereals, 100% juices, SUPERMARKET GIFT CERTIFICATES or checks to the USR all month.

**Environmental Justice Committee, Unitarian Society
of Ridgewood**



Green Ridgewood & Ridgewood Parks and Recreation

invite you to experience

“A PLASTIC OCEAN”

an award winning documentary revealing the global effects of plastic pollution and highlighting solutions that everyone can do to create a greener ocean. Learn why Ridgewood's new ordinance banning single use plastic bags is so important.

**Friday Nov 8, 2019
doors open at 6:45
light refreshments**

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Childcare available with 2 weeks notice. Email usr.dre1@gmail.com to reserve.



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THE RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF RIDGEWOOD INVITES YOU TO



DISMANTLING THE RACISM MACHINE

AN INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE



Friday evening
November 15, 2019 at 7:30pm

Location: Anderson Hall Suggested \$5 donation.

Please join us for The Meta Theatre Company's interactive performance of concepts from Karen Gaffney's book "Dismantling the Racism Machine: A Manual and Toolbox." This performance will include a post show discussion with Meta and Dr. Gaffney to share tools and strategies that audience members can use to stop oppression and create liberating change.

NJ is one of the most diverse states but also one of the most racially segregated states in the US. **Why don't we talk about this?**

Nationally, white household wealth is 13x that of Black household wealth and 10x that of Latinx household wealth. **Why aren't we taught about this?**

White women have benefited the most from Affirmative Action and yet are the most critical of it. **How come? Who gets ignored when feminism is not intersectional?**



The Meta Theatre Company is a NJ social justice theatre company that believes theatre is a pathway to justice. Using transformative justice theatre, we write and perform our lived experiences, and invite audiences to interact with those of us on stage to look at how white privilege, race, class, gender, and sexual orientation show up similarly or differently in our lives. We create a post-show discussion to work with audiences to understand the racial wealthgap, identify patterns of "divide and conquer" in their lives today, and determine action steps.

"Dismantling the Racism Machine" is inspired by "Dismantling the Racism Machine: A Manual and Toolbox" (Routledge, 2018) by Dr. Karen Gaffney, a professor of English at Raritan Valley Community College.

Child care available with two weeks notice. For reservations, please contact Jeanne Nametz at dre1@gmail.com

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CRAFTS in RIDGEWOOD

FREE!
ADMISSION

A Fundraising Event to benefit the Youth Development Program C.A.M.P. in Paterson, NJ



*Reception:**

Friday evening
November 22nd
***7PM - 9:30PM**

Saturday
November 23rd
10AM - 5PM

28 years of fine crafts hand-made for the holidays

- ◇ Sculpted, Stoneware and Raku Ceramics
- ◇ Functional woodenware
- ◇ Handcrafted jewelry and accessories
- ◇ Fine art photography and prints
- ◇ Quilts
- ◇ Baskets and Glassware
- ◇ Quilted totes, bags and accessories
- ◇ Original art greeting cards, boxes and books
- ◇ Pillows and knitted items
- ◇ Soaps, body creams
- ◇ Japanese folk art
- ◇ Children and Family items
- ◇ Holiday decorations

For information, please call
the USR office at 201-444-6225
or Marcy at 201-825-7264

The Unitarian Society
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113 Cottage Place Ridgewood, NJ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:00 USR Garage Sale/ Anderson Hall & Fellowship Room
3 10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi	4 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm. 7:00 BOT Meeting/Conf. Rm. 7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	5 6:00 First Tuesday Meeting/ Fellowship Room 7:30 Covenant Group/ Youth Room	6 3:30 One Book USR/ Conference Rm.	7 7:45 Adult Choir Practice/ Fellowship	8 7:00 Environmental Justice Film/ Anderson Hall	9
10 10:00 Service - Rev. Rev. Sarah Lenzi 2:00 Art Reception/ Anderson Hall	11 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm. 7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	12 7:00 Adult RE Class/Conference Room 7:00 Covenant Group/Upstairs Mtg. Room	13 7:30 Covenant Grp/Youth Room	14 6:15 COSM Meeting/ Conference Room 7:45 Adult Choir Practice/ Fellowship	15 7:00 Zen Retreat/ RE Room 7:30 Racial Justice Presentation/ Anderson	16 9:00 Zen Retreat/ RE Room
17 10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi 11:30 UU Class/ Conference Room 11:30 Reproductive Justice Committee/ Upstairs Mtg. Rm. 12:00 Ron Levy Con- cert/Anderson Hall	18 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm 7:00 Sunday Ser- vices Committee/ Upstairs Mtg. Room 7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	19 7:00 Adult RE Class/Conference Room 7:30 Covenant Group/Youth Room	20 7:30 Covenant Group/ Conference Room	21 7:45 Adult Choir Practice/ Fellowship	22 7:00 Craft Fair/ Anderson Hall/ Fellowship Room	23 10:00 Craft Fair/ Anderson Hall/ Fellowship Room
24 10:00 Thanksgiving Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi 11:30 USR Potluck/ Fellowship Room 11:30 Environmental Justice Comm./Conf. Room	25 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm. 7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30

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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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NOW accepting articles for November 20th deadline
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