



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we are entering the last month of our first congregational year together. So much has happened! We have learned more about each other over these past months, we have made mistakes, apologized, and moved forward together. We have grieved over world events, we have comforted and cared for members of our community, we have raised awareness and money for worthy causes, and we have stewarded our beloved congregation as it continues to move toward an exciting future.

**From the
Minister's Mailbox**

There have been changes, for sure. Our partnership has asked us both to consider how we do things and to wonder if we might do them differently. We have been stretched and challenged, but also affirmed and lifted up for the gifts we bring. It hasn't always been easy, but my hope is that these first ten months have been as fulfilling for you as they have been for me. And my deepest wish is that you share in my vision of an ever-brighter future for this amazing and beautiful congregation that you have helped build over the years with your passion, your compassion, and your commitment.

This June, we will meet on the first Sunday to celebrate our young people as they come of age. As with all rites of passage it will be thrilling, a bit scary, and will carry to us all a sense of nostalgia, I expect. The second Sunday in June we will meet to celebrate in our service the wonderful work folks have done this year as well as simply to celebrate each other. Then, we'll take care of our responsibilities at our annual meeting. Last but not least, we will celebrate again, playing and eating together at the annual picnic.

Join us,

Rev. Sarah



Reflections

Dear Friends,

I am sad to say that this is the last newsletter note that I will be writing before I move to Denver this July. Please allow me to express my gratitude for the support and love that you have shown me over the course of this year. I am always amazed by the depth of connection that is possible in a short amount of time, and I feel blessed to have been able to form such meaningful relationships with so many of you. We have accomplished a lot this year, including creating engaging multi-generational worship services, co-creating a robust Religious Education program, and experimenting with some innovative monthly small group work. I have confidence that the seeds we have planted this year will flower and bloom in the coming years.

As we move into these Summer months of transition I wish each of you peace, strength, and hope. I will carry you forward with me in my ministry and life. Thank you for this time that we were able to be together.

In Gratitude,
Rev. Dylan Doyle-Burke



Hello from your youth coordinator,

The year is winding down and our youth group is finishing off the year strong. We sent four youth to the last youth con of the year in White Plains at the end of April, we did another Friday Game Night at the beginning of May, and had a great time doing an overnight sleepover at USR on May 18. We also had a bridging ceremony during the May 20th service at USR for our graduating high school seniors, congratulations to Nathan Lung, Faith Keenan, and Tyler Richardson. May all of your journeys into the future be blessed. Coming up in June there will be bridging for CUC seniors **June 10th**.



As you all know this will be the final year of CUC and USR's combined youth program. Let me say again how much of a privilege it has been to serve the youth and families of USR. I'm grateful that I had the opportunity to do the work of youth ministry at the congregational level, and for all the support I received from the USR community. This congregation has a bright future ahead of it.

Thank you!
James



For those of you who might not know, each year the USR holds an Annual Meeting at which time, along with some other congregational business, members of the congregation vote on several items. Our By-Laws require a quorum to be present for us to vote on the slate of new Board of Trustees, new members of the Nominating Committee, and approve the annual budget.

For the first time in recent memory, we will hold our annual year-end picnic on the same day as the Annual Meeting. Please do attend both of these events on Sunday, **June 10**. Child care will be available during the meeting, which will take place immediately after the service and should take no longer than about 30 minutes. We need for you to be present for the meeting and the picnic will be a lot of fun for all ages.

As the congregational year comes to a close, I want to thank Rev. Sarah for the work that she has done along side the Board of Trustees since joining us last August. I am pleased that the year went so well and that our transition into a new era in the history of USR is complete.

Thank you,
Rob

News from the USR Office

Newsletter

The next newsletter will come out in August 2018 with an article due date of **July 24th**.

Resource Handbook

We would like to complete the 2018-2019 Resource Handbook over the summer. Please provide your updated information to Chandrika at usr.secretary@gmail.com by **June 30th**. Thank you.

Office Hours

The office will remain open from 9-1 p.m. during the summer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2018-2019 Slate for Approval

The Nominating Committee (Frank Loscalzo, Chair, Stephanie Gannon, Marilyn Maney, Helen Matusow-Ayres, Ralph Pleasic) is submitting the following 2018-19 slate for congregational approval at the Annual Meeting on June 10, 2018:

Sally Lewis President (first year of 2-year term)
 Eric Furhman Vice-President (first year of 2-year term)
 Mike Azzara Trustee (last year of 3-year term)
 Owen Uscher Trustee (first year of 3-year term)
 Dawn Walter Trustee (first year of 3-year term)

Those remaining on the Board include:

Peter Duran Treasurer (last year of second 2-year term)
 Bernie Josefsberg Secretary (first year of second 2-year term)
 Laura Krag Trustee (last year of 3-year term)
 Jackie Nadler Trustee (last year of 3-year term)

Nominating Committee for 2018-19:

Marilyn Maney Chair (second year of 2-year term)
 Stephanie Gannon (second year of 2-year term)
 Ralph Pleasic (second year of 2-year term)
 Mary McBride (first year of 2-year term)
 Judd Seals (first year of 2-year term)

MINISTRY COUNCIL

THIS SUMMER AT THE COTTAGE PLACE GALLERY

Ridgewood Camera Club Group Show

June 17th - August 17th, 2018

Opening Reception

Saturday, June 23rd

2-5pm

Open to the Public



MINISTRY COUNCIL



On-Site or Off-Site Delegates Needed for Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (GA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Unitarian Universalist Association and connecting with people from all over the country? Consider being a delegate to the UUA General Assembly (GA) taking place June 20-24th in Kansas City, Missouri. Delegates can attend in person or be offsite registrants connecting via the internet from anywhere. Delegates worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. USR can have five delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly (GA) and currently only has one spot filled. It would be great for USR to be well represented.

GA Theme: "All Are Called"

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.

Excellent Programming

GA will offer more than 175 programming selections over the course of five days. Major worships this year will be led by UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Rev. Sofia Betancourt. More programming details are available at www.uua.org/ga.

For web information about GA, search "UUA General Assembly 2018" or you can contact Martin Lavanhar (our denomination representative) with any questions you may have. The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood will reimburse our five delegates for the registration fee for General Assembly. Delegates will be responsible for travel, room and food expenses if going to Kansas City. Contact board member Laura Krag to apply for delegate status.

MINISTRY COUNCIL

Upcoming Services

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| June 3rd | "Coming of Age" - Rev. Dylan Doyle-Burke Musician: Ron Levy, piano |
| June 10th | "Ritual Practice" - Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi Musician: Ron Levy, piano |
| June 17th | "How We Leave" - Rev. Dylan Doyle-Burke Musician: Ron Levy, piano |
| June 24th | "Virtual Spiritual Intelligence" - Rev. Allen Wells As if we weren't sufficiently challenged by problems, such as social and economic justice and the catastrophe of climate change — we're facing a challenge even further reaching. That is the advancement of artificial intelligence, which may in the near future eclipse the human race. Let's face the spiritual questions advancing AI will have us confront including what it means to be human. Musician: Ron Levy, piano |
| July 8th | "The Ring of Gyges" - Rev. Edward Frost Perhaps after all these years of searching for sermon titles I tire of the simplicity of "Love", "Truth", "Beauty". (Nothing on "Sin" yet). So, I bring you Gyges and his ring of invisibility. His story is told by Glaucon, in Plato, to illustrate his argument—that goodness is, literally, only in the eye of the beholder. Musician: Ron Levy, piano |

CIRCLE OF LIFE

David G. Cooper, a longtime member of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood died April 4, 2018 at 78 from lung disease related to 9/11. A memorial is planned for Saturday, October 20, 2018, 11 am at Colebrook Congregational Church, Colebrook, CT. For more information visit <http://cooperstwo.org>.

Helen Lindsey has moved to The Cupola at Care One. The address is The Cupola, Rm. 3, W 100 Ridgewood Ave. Paramus, NJ 07452. Her personal phone is not set up yet but she can be reached by calling The Cupola at 201-444-8200 and asking to be put through to room 3.

Barbara and Sol Goldberg have moved to Arden Court, 800 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470 according to their son, David. Please note there is a no visitor rule for their first week, however, they will be able to have visitors from June 5th on. Please call Arden Courts to confirm before you visit. Thanks.

We send our deepest condolences to Member, Lea McGough and her family for the passing of her husband Member, John McGough this past Wednesday, May 24th. We will let you know when the Memorial Service is being planned.

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL



We're Firin' Up the Grill...for USR's Annual BBQ Celebration. Great food and fun for all ages!

When? Sunday, **June 10th** (immediately following the Annual Meeting)

Where? USR's backyard with the always fun bouncy house for the little ones and games for all.

What? Hotdogs, burgers (veggie, too) and beverages will be provided. To add to the feast, please bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with...please bring:

A-M....Salad/Side Dish

N-Z....Dessert

Please consider including a small card telling folks whether it's vegan, vegetarian, dairy-free or gluten-free.

Who? YOU! Wear your favorite concert/music T-shirt (family-friendly please) or a USR shirt.

Join the community celebration and rock-out the end of the congregational year!

First Wednesday Brown-Bag Lunch



Please come to the next First Wednesday Brown-Bag Luncheon on **June 6, 2018** to be hosted by Mary Mogerley at 1 p.m. at her home. She will provide dessert and beverages. Please RSVP to let her know that you are coming and to let her give you directions, if needed. Some of us are newcomers, some are old-timers. Hope to see you there. All are welcome.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

Thank You!

SHARE, Inc. we would like to thank the Planned Giving Committee for its generous grant of \$2700 to be used towards bathroom renovations at the Prospect Street home. SHARE, Inc provides independent senior housing in Ridgewood and it enjoys a long history of support from USR. Thank you again!

Don Campolo and Marilyn Maney

Plate Collection

The **June 10th** plate collection will go to Healing Space. This is a sexual violence center run by the Bergen County YWCA. They provide a 24/7 hotline to survivors of sexual assault as well as advocates who provide short-term counseling and accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies.

SUCCESS on Gun Violence Prevention Bills!

Thank you to everyone who participated in this week's CALL TO ACTION on Gun Violence Prevention (GVP)!

On May 21, the NJ Senate Appropriations Committee passed six of the seven GVP bills before it. It sent the 7th – the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) bill -- back to committee for further discussion and amendment.

There will be a full Senate vote next month and it is expected that Governor Murphy will sign the bills into law by the end of June.

#WEAR ORANGE on June 1 and throughout June

June 1st is National WEAR ORANGE Day. Orange is the color of the gun violence prevention movement and we'll be wearing orange on June 1st and throughout June to honor victims of gun violence. In addition to wearing orange, you can take the following actions to show your support for gun violence prevention:

- Display orange outside your home or business;
- Patronize Ridgewood businesses that are a part of our *Turn the Village Orange campaign*. You'll know these businesses by the orange bows in their windows!
- On **June 2**, attend the Ridgewood Village Gun Violence Prevention ceremony at Van Neste Park between 10 and 11:30 am;
- Participate in the 6th Annual Gun Violence Prevention Walk Across the Brooklyn Bridge on **June 2** between 12 and 4;
- Go to <http://wearorange.org> for more ways to get involved!

For more information on how to support GVP efforts, please contact Suzanne Samuels.

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Racial Justice Committee

The Racial Justice Committee and the social justice groups of CUC and UUCP are sponsors of "Juneteenth", the annual commemoration of the 6/19/1865 announcement of the abolition of slavery in the Confederacy and specifically in Texas. Join us on **June 16**, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. at New Overpeck Park, Great Lawn, Ridgefield Park. It is a fun time with lots of activities. Fliers on bulletin board, FB page and the USR website. The committee invites all to join us. We will have a UU table, display UU materials and have Black Lives Matter buttons available for people. For further information, contact Carolyn Musser or Carol Loscalzo. See flyer on page 10 for details.

Reproductive Justice Committee

The Reproductive Justice Committee invites you to join them for their last meeting of the 2017-2018 congregational year on Wednesday, **May 30** at 7:00 p.m., Reeb Conference Room. We will be discussing programming for 2018-19. There are many reproductive justice issues that the committee has been watching including but not limited to the following: maternal/infant mortality rates, especially for people of color and possible direction to legislate change in NJ; issues for women in Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women including sexual assault by corrections officers and current legislative remedies and use of shackles during pregnancy, labor and delivery; menstrual products for the poor, homeless and in schools. In addition, in this political climate there is a strong need to be aware of new Supreme Court rulings, administration directives. Currently Title X funds are being threatened for Planned Parenthood and other clinics that offer full range reproductive health. There is a strong need for advocacy. We are also exploring events to discuss population control and eugenics. Please join us!

Pot Luck Supper and Film

Please join us on Sunday, June 3rd at 5:30 p.m. for a Pot Luck supper and film at Central Unitarian Church, 156 Forest Avenue, Paramus, NJ. The event is co-sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Council of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood. Click [here](#) for details about the film entitled "It's What We Do".

Racial Justice Committee

The Racial Justice Committee invites you to consider our Book/Movie suggestions during the summer. You can read the list of suggestions by clicking [here](#). There are numerous books on racial justice/white privilege and white supremacy. As the summer progresses, if you read books that you find useful, please recommend them to the committee. We will begin meeting in early September and we invite you to join us for our next meeting when we will be planning for the 2018-19 congregational year. Contact Carolyn Musser or Carol Loscalzo for further information



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Hosted by Happy Circle, Mahasri Yoga

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| <i>3</i> 10:00 Service - Rev. Dylan Doyle-Burke— Coming of Age 11:15 Membership/ Conf. Rm 11:30 Adult RE/ Anderson | <i>4</i> 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm 7:00 Board of Trustees/Conf. Rm 7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> 1:00 First Wednesday Luncheon | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> |
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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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