

the  
UNITARIAN  
SOCIETY of  
RIDGEWOOD

# MONTHLY BULLETIN



October 2018

## MINISTRY COUNCIL

### COMING SOON TO THE COTTAGE PLACE GALLERY



Photographs by

**Bob Kane and  
John St. John**

October 14 - November 11, 2018

Opening Reception:

**Sunday, October 21, 2018**

**2:00 - 5:00 pm**



### 2018 UU Outreach Auction

Although USR is not officially represented this year at the Bergen County UU Outreach Auction being held this **November 3rd** (a volunteer liaison person is needed to replace Inge Spungen), Elizabeth Ames will be there asking for donations for the Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition.

This is a lively evening with food and drinks and worthy charities being helped by your attendance and bidding! See flyer on page 9.

## MINISTRY COUNCIL

### Society Café Concert Series

Society Cafe Concert Series presents a Singer/Songwriter Festival on Saturday, **October 13th** at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood at 8:00 pm. The concert will feature original music by local musicians Rebecca Rydell, Sean Kiely with Bobby McCullough, and Emily Ertle. Folk, alt rock, jazz. Doors open at 7:00 pm and wine and dessert are offered. The concert will take place at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 113 Cottage Place. \$20 admission when you pay in advance via PayPal or by calling 201-444-6225. Admission is \$25 at the door the night of the event, \$5 for students 12 - 17. Click [here](#) for more information.

## MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

### Newcomer's Brunch

**October 28th, 11:30 a.m. in Reeb Conference Room**

Please join us for a fun, social and informative opportunity to meet key personnel of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood and members of the congregation. This is your opportunity to find out how to become involved and learn about membership. Brunch will be provided. Child care available with advance notice. RSVP to Ann Pareti at [usr.membership1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.membership1@gmail.com) by October 22nd.



### First Wednesday Brown-Bag Lunch

Please join us for the next Friday Wednesday Brown-bag Luncheon on **October 3, 2018** to be hosted by Karen Ramsahai at 1 p.m. at her home in Ridgewood. She will provide dessert and beverages. Please RSVP to let her know you are coming and to receive directions, if needed. Some of us are newcomers, some are old-timers. Hope to see you there. All are welcome.

### 2018 Congregational Dinners Save the Date!



Announcing a new date for the Congregational Dinners: Saturday, **October 27, 2018.**

Be a Host or Guest. Please see Pam Hahn or Holly Nolan during coffee hours for details. Or, email Ann Pareti at [usr.membership1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.membership1@gmail.com).

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### October Plate Collection

BLUU (see below) is the recipient of shared October plate collections. Black Lives Unitarian Universalist (BLUU) is a member organization within the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for professional and support employees of the UUA as well as for all Black UU congregants. Founded in 2015 to provide support to one another, and to develop racial justice materials for UU religious educators and resources for Sunday services, the UUA board committed to raise \$5.3M for this work. An anonymous donor committed to matching every congregational pledge that equals at least \$10 for every member. Last June our Board of Trustees made such a pledge (for \$2,560) which we know we can fulfill with your help by the end of this church year.



Our Racial Justice committee submitted a grant proposal to the USR Endowment Committee last spring and was awarded \$1000 toward our pledge. We now must raise the remaining \$1,560.

The four plate collections in October will be split between the congregation and BLUU to fulfill that pledge. Please be generous. This is needed and important work.

USR Racial Justice Committee  
Carolyn Musser and Carol Loscalzo, co-chairs

### SAVE THE DATE! CRAFTS IN RIDGEWOOD



The annual Crafts in Ridgewood is a two-day event, held at USR in Anderson and the Fellowship Room on **November 16th and 17th** with a wine and cheese reception Friday evening. It has been a fundraiser with free admission for the youth development program C.A.M.P. in Paterson, NJ for the last 27 years. Select, local artists sell items that include jewelry, pottery, photography, functional wooden ware, baskets and more with 25% of the profits given to C.A.M.P. It is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer with a variety of levels of participation from handing out door prize tickets to marketing strategy. If you'd like to be part of the energy and enthusiasm of the event, please contact Marcy Cagan.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### GET OUT THE VOTE

The Social Responsibilities Council is committed to a GOTV campaign between now and the election on Tuesday, **November 6, 2018**. The SRC table will have applications to register to vote and Applications to Vote by Mail at the SRC table all Fall. If you are registered, think about a neighbor or friend who may not be. You can bring them an application .

As we all know, one of the major obligations of citizenship is to vote. You must be 18 years old to vote. You can register when you are 17 years old if you will be 18 on voting day. You must also be a resident of the county for at least 30 days before the election. The deadline to register to vote for the November election is **October 16, 2018**.

Click [here](#) for the Bergen residents voter application form.

You can submit an Application to Vote by Mail Ballot (formerly called Absentee Ballot). It must be received in the County Clerk's office 7 days prior to election . A voter can also apply in person to the county Clerk until 3:00 p.m. the day before election. Click [here](#) for the Vote by Mail Ballot application.

Legislation was recently passed so that if you voted by mail in recent elections, you will get a ballot In the mail. If you received one, you can opt out, but will be asked to fill out a provisional ballot at your polling place. Click [here](#) to read the article about this new law:

For further information, please click [here!](#) go to this link:

And remember to find us at the SRC table!



### Book Cart/Lending Library Reminder

Every Sunday in the Fellowship Room our Lending Library book cart is available for your perusal. Books are of interest on a wide variety of subjects including UU history and up-to-date information and topics on racial justice, peace and justice, LGBTQ+ and reproductive justice. No need to sign books out. Just take a book, read it and return it when you are finished. Note: Please do not donate to the cart. If you have books you think would be relevant, talk to Carol Loscalzo.

### Save the Date — Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m.

It is not too early to begin to think about your January calendar. Please join the Reproductive Justice Committee for a return performance of "Words of Choice". Many of you may remember the 2012 performance at USR when we watched "Words of Choice" present a dynamic theatrical performance about reproductive freedom, health, rights and justice. In this current age when reproductive health and justice freedom is under attack, please join us for the performance, discussion and to hear Lynn Roberts, our wonderful Bergen County reproductive justice expert. Co-sponsored by Northern NJ NOW, Bergen Chapter and others.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

#### What's food got to do with it?



Sure, changing our lightbulbs, reducing our plastic use and driving an electric vehicle all add up, but did you know that, accounting for all factors, livestock production worldwide is responsible for a whopping 18 percent of the world's total greenhouse gases, as reported by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. That's more than the emissions of all the world's cars, buses, planes, and trains *combined*. *Let's find out more.*

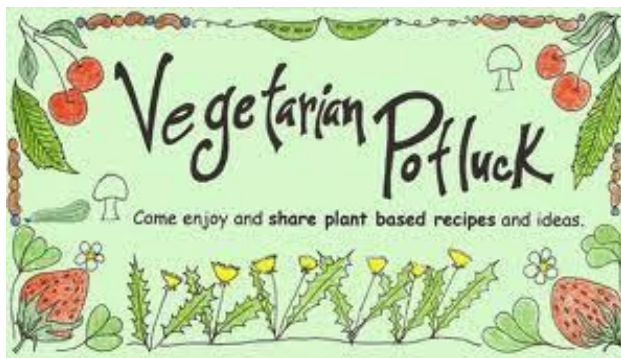
#### **YOU ARE INVITED**

to

**a family-friendly VEGETARIAN pot luck dinner  
sponsored by the Environmental Justice Committee  
Sunday, November 4, at 5:30 pm.**

Did you know that the UUA challenged us to study ethical eating as part of a Statement of Conscience entitled, Ethical Eating: Food & Environmental Justice.

*"As Unitarian Universalists, we are called to address our relationship with food. Our Principles call for recognition of and respect for the other. As we search freely and responsibly for truth, meaning, and spiritual wholeness, we will make a variety of individual choices about food. Ethical eating is the application of our Principles to our food choices. What and how we eat has broad implications for our planet and society. Our values, Principles, and integrity call us to seek compassion, health, and sustainability in the production of food we raise or purchase."*



**Look for more details in the eblast as the date gets closer!**

#### **USR Representative Needed**

The Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition is looking for a new USR member/representative to sit on our board of approximately 20 people. We meet monthly in Teaneck, usually on Wednesday evenings. If interested, check out our website: [www.nnjsanctuary.org](http://www.nnjsanctuary.org) and speak to Elizabeth Ames, President of the coalition.

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

### Environmental Justice Committee



### **USR STYROFOAM COLLECTION A SUCCESS**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our styrofoam collection. We were able to bring two carloads over to the Glen Rock recycling center for this unique collection day. Special thanks to Jan Bottcher for spearheading the drive.

### **Peace and Justice Committee**

Next Peace and Justice Meeting is October 21st, 11:45 a.m. in Reeb.



A promotional poster for the UUFANJ Fall Issues Conference. The background is bright yellow with faint, larger yellow circles. On the left is a circular logo featuring a blue globe with a white outline of the United States, and a stylized orange and white flame or torch rising from the bottom. To the right of the logo, the text reads: "OCTOBER 20, 2018 10:00AM - 4:00PM" in a small, grey, sans-serif font; "UUFANJ Fall Issues Conference" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font; "Beacon UU Congregation of Summit" in a medium, grey, sans-serif font; "4 Waldron Avenue" in a medium, grey, sans-serif font; "Summit, NJ 07901" in a medium, grey, sans-serif font; and "WWW.UUFAITHACTION.ORG" in a small, grey, sans-serif font at the bottom.

Click [here](http://www.uufaithaction.org) to register for the upcoming conference at Beacon UU Congregation of Summit.

We have all seen the headlines:



We have all seen the responses:



But what do the Torah, the Bible and the Quran say about

# Welcoming the Stranger

The Interfaith Women's Initiative presents Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer, Reverend Beate Storck, and Dr. Heba Elkhateeb to lead a discussion of how Judaism, Christianity, and Islam use their religious texts as a guide to view and interact with "strangers" both in the past and in our current political climate.

All are welcome to join us on

**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

Doors open at 3:30 pm

Program starts promptly at 4:00 pm

At Darul Islah

320 Fabry Terrace in Teaneck

Free admission--Refreshments will be served

For more information please email: [IWlofNJ@gmail.com](mailto:IWlofNJ@gmail.com)



Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer



Reverend Beate Storck



Dr. Heba Elkhateeb



Event co-sponsored by:  
Interfaith Women's Initiative  
and  
Darul Islah



# THE RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO WATCH

## THE 2018 WARE LECTURE by Brittany Packnett

delivered at General Assembly 2018

October 19, 2018  
at 7pm

in Anderson Auditorium



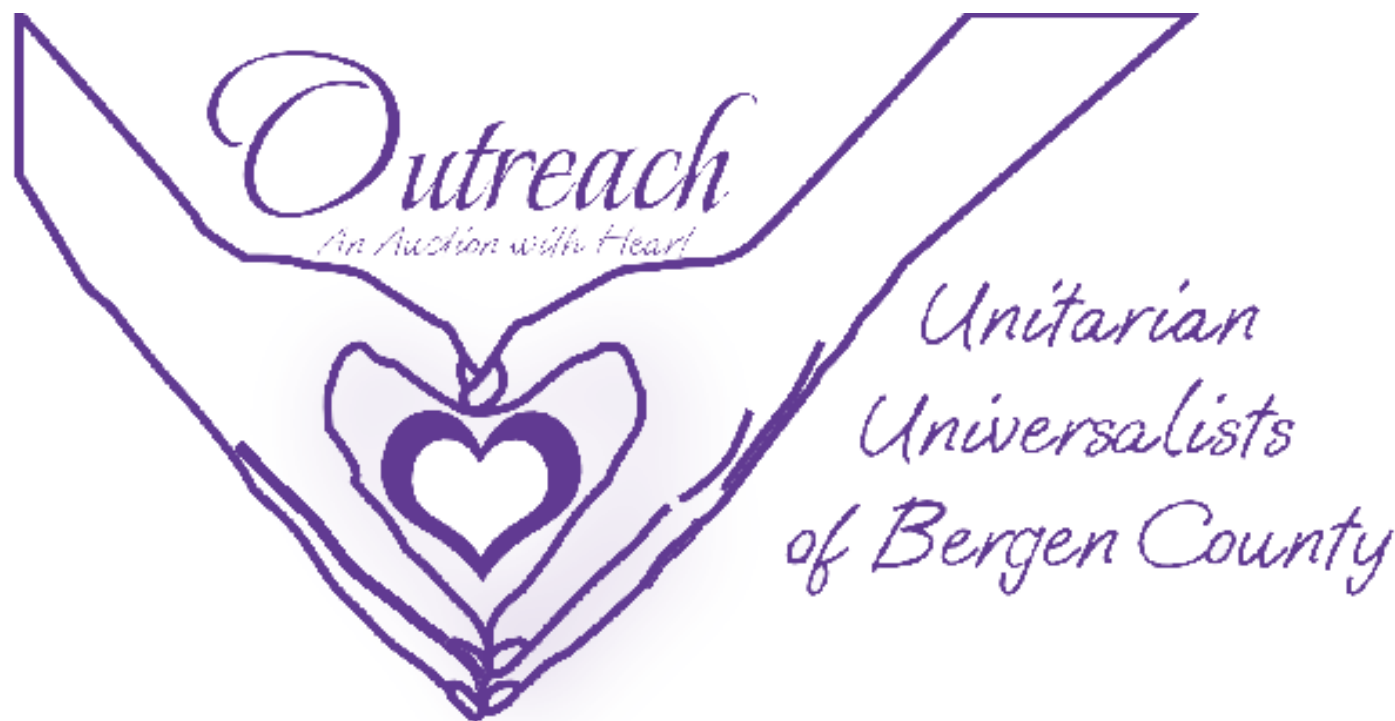
**ABOUT THE LECTURE:** The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President, in consultation with the General Assembly Planning Committee, invites a distinguished guest each year to address the General Assembly as the Ware Lecturer. This year's lecturer was Brittany Packnett. According to the UUA website, "Brittany has committed her life and career to justice." She currently plays many roles, all focused on freedom. She is a leader at the intersection of culture and justice. Her strong, provocative address focused on systemic racism, especially as it is pertinent to UUs and the UUA. We are fortunate that the Commission on Institutional Change developed discussion questions for the lecture.

*Please join the Racial Justice Committee as we all learn from this important lecture.*

**BLACK LIVES  
MATTER**

**JOIN THE  
DISCUSSION  
HERE**

*Child Care provided with 2 weeks notice. Please email Jeanne Nametz at [usr.dre1@gmail.com](mailto:usr.dre1@gmail.com)*



## **18TH ANNUAL UU OUTREACH AUCTION OF BERGEN COUNTY**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2018 AT 6:30PM**

**Central Unitarian Church**

156 Forest Avenue,

Paramus, NJ, 07652

Helping our friends and neighbors in need in Bergen County

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palisades**

**Central Unitarian Church**

Since our first Auction in 2000, we have raised over \$560,000 with 100% of the proceeds going to our designated charities.

This year all proceeds will support:

**Community Meals, Inc.**

**Northern NJ Sanctuary Coalition**

**Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)**

**Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI)**

**The Defining Moment Foundation**

**Holley Childcare and Development Center**

Join us for an evening of fun, great food, live auction and Tricky Tray while we support our Bergen County charities in need!

Tickets: \$35

[uuoutreachauction@gmail.com](mailto:uuoutreachauction@gmail.com)



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm  7:00 BOT Mtg/ Conf. Rm  7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	<i>2</i> 7:30 Connections Group/Youth Rm	<i>3</i> 1:00 First Wednesday Luncheon/ Offsite  7:30 Nominating Committee/ Upstairs Mtg Rm	<i>4</i> 7:30 Adult Choir/ Fellowship	<i>5</i> 6:30 Friday Night Out	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> <b>10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi</b>  10:00 Youth Group/ Youth Rm	<i>8</i> 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm  7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 6:30 Racial Jus- tice/Conference Rm	<i>11</i> 7:30 Adult Choir/ Fellowship	<i>12</i> 7:00 Moth Hour/ Anderson	<i>13</i> 8:00 Society Café Concert/Anderson
<i>14</i> <b>10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi</b>  10:00 Youth Group/ Youth Rm	<i>15</i> 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm  7:00 Sunday Ser- vice/Conf. Rm  7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	<i>16</i> 7:30 Connections Group/Youth Rm	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 7:30 Adult Choir/ Fellowship	<i>19</i> 7:00 Racial Justice Event/ Anderson, pg. 8	<i>20</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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