

the
UNITARIAN
SOCIETY of
RIDGEWOOD

MONTHLY BULLETIN



As you can see we have pared down the monthly newsletter. It is now called the Monthly Bulletin and it only contains upcoming news and events. We hope you enjoy reading this simplified version!

CIRCLE OF LIFE

There will be a memorial service for John McGough on Thursday **September 27** from 5-7 pm. It will be held at Feeny's Funeral Home on Franklin Turnpike. This will be followed by a repast at Baumgart's Restaurant.

Just a reminder if you wish to contact Helen Lindsey, she has moved to The Cupola at Care One. The address is The Cupola, Rm. 3, W 100 Ridgewood Ave. Paramus, NJ 07652. Barbara and Sol Goldberg have moved to Arden Court, 800 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ 07470. I am sure both Helen and the Golberg's would love to hear from you!



THIS MONTH AT THE COTTAGE PLACE GALLERY

New York City Drawings by
Marylee Bergin

Opening Reception:
Sunday, September 16, 2018
2:00 - 5:00 pm

DID YOU KNOW that the gallery is an important fundraiser for the USR? 25% of all artwork sales goes directly to the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood. Please consider supporting local artists – and the USR – by considering a purchase of artwork from our Cottage Place Gallery exhibitions!

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL



Please join us on Sunday, **September 9th** for our homecoming picnic. The picnic will be potluck style, so please bring an item that doesn't require preparation or heating, such as fruit salad, pasta salad, cheese, etc. And of course, desserts!

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help setup or clean up, please contact Marcy Cagan.

First Wednesday Brown-Bag Lunch

Please come to the next First Wednesday Brown-Bag Luncheon on **September 5, 2018** to be hosted by Jan Bottcher 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.

One Book USR

The next meeting will be **September 26** at 7:30 in the conference room in REEB. We will be discussing *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. This memoir looks at the life of the first Puerto Rican woman appointed to the U.S Supreme Court from her early life in the Bronx to Yale Law School. All are welcome!

2018 Congregation Dinners

Save the Date!

Please join us on Saturday evening, **November 3, 2018** for the Congregational Dinners. Be a HOST or a GUEST. Please see Pam Hahn or Holly Nolan during coffee hour for details.

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Labor Day Barbeque

Join us on Monday, **September 3rd** for Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church's annual Labor Day barbeque. The picnic is from 12:00 to 5:00 and their address is 259 S. Broad St., Ridgewood. Click [here](#) to view flyer.

Let's Drive NJ

Let's Drive NJ brings together nearly fifty community, faith, labor, social service and advocacy organizations to push to expand access to drivers' licenses in the Garden State. They are holding a rally for licenses on Thursday, **September 6**, 10:30 a.m. in Trenton. Click [here](#) for details.

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Unitarian Universalism and Social Justice: How we “Walk the Walk” Who, What, Where,

We have a UU alphabet soup of organizations. What you should know: a basic primer.

SRC of USR: The Social Responsibilities Council of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood is our local congregation’s social justice committee, organizing and coordinating all our social justice work. We currently have six operating groups, Reproductive Justice, Environmental Justice, Homeless and Hunger Issues, Living the Welcoming, Peace and Justice, and Racial Justice. These groups participate in local events regarding social justice issues like Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations, environmental fairs, public demonstrations and other UU congregations’ events. They also prepare letters and petitions for our congregation to sign, and hold events that are open to the general public and are publicized in the local media. The task groups can become dormant or new groups formed as needed and interests change. Information about each group and upcoming events is available every Sunday at coffee hour at the SRC table and in our eblasts and newsletter. This work is supported by your contributions to USR and has only you to rely on to pay the bills and do the work.

UUFANJ: The newest UU organization for us here in New Jersey, Unitarian Universalist Faith Action New Jersey (previously called The UU legislative Ministry of New Jersey) was established almost 10 years ago and is based in Summit, NJ. It employs a full-time executive director and a part-time administrator and relies heavily on volunteers to get the work done. UUFANJ is our UU face in New Jersey and from its inception, has been a major force for legislative reform in our state. As the name implies, it works to promote UU values in our New Jersey laws. Through them we have been successful in making changes in the way New Jersey works, from enlisting our state representatives to support marriage equality to protecting the rights of youth in detention, UUFANJ has been a successful force for change in our state. There are two statewide meetings each year to gauge the work being done and to plan the ongoing strategies. They are open to anyone interested in being involved directly or who just would like to be informed about the issues. Working groups currently focus on economic justice/housing, reproductive justice, gun violence prevention, environmental justice, criminal justice reform and immigration reform. This last area has been a primary focus due to the current political atmosphere and, through the efforts and under the supervision of one of the Board members, a Legal Assistance Program is being established. Consisting of a group of leading immigration law firms, the program will provide low cost legal assistance to people in detention. New groups are formed and old ones discontinued as interest or need changes. UUFANJ is funded in two ways. Congregations are encouraged to support the organization through a voluntary dues program paid by the member congregation based on their size, and at whatever level is financially possible for it. USR is a contributing member but UUFANJ needs more funds than what the member congregations contribute to continue its work, particularly, to help fund the new legal assistance program. This need is filled by individual members who make donations, which are tax deductible. UUFANJ also welcomes new additions to their working task forces.

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UUSC: The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, based in Cambridge, MA, has been in existence since shortly after the Second World War. It was established to provide international assistance to people in need whether because of natural disasters like famine or floods, or due to human causes like war or persecution. Working with other organizations, they provide on the ground help, direction and money to aid in relief efforts which can go on for years. Their work promotes our UU values and UUSC is the largest public face of UUs around the world. UUSC is funded solely by individual members and gets no monies from congregations. You can be a supporting member. Contributions are tax deductible.

UU, UNO: The Unitarian Universalist, United Nations Office, based in Boston, MA, is another independent UU organization. They maintain staff and contact at the United Nations offices and work to promote UU values in UN programs particularly in situations where people are oppressed or require aid. UU, UNO does not get institutional support from any other organizations and depends on individual UU donations to fund their work. You are their source of support and can sign up to be a member. Contributions are tax deductible.

UUA: The Unitarian Universalist Association, headquartered in Boston, MA, is a national organization serving member congregations in the US. Individuals are not members, only congregations. Membership is not required but if the congregation is a member, it pays dues to the UUA based on the number of individual members in the congregation. USR is a member. UUA holds an annual meeting, General Assembly (GA), for representatives of all their member congregations with workshops on every conceivable issue related to UU including social justice, RE, general philosophy, organizational structure, finance, etc. It also provides focused social justice issues with resources for individual congregations to use. Our own Racial Justice Committee program utilizes this resource. The UUA sometimes partners with UUSC or UU, UNO for emergency situations. The president of UUA and the board can advocate for social justice issues based on the positions taken at General Assembly and based on UU principles.

If you're interested in a particular area or want more information, just stop by the Social Responsibilities Table at coffee hour. The work is never finished!

September Plate Collection

The September plate collection will be shared with HealingSPACE (formerly Rape Crisis Center), of the YWCA/ Bergen County. The mission of HealingSPACE is to empower survivors of all forms of sexual violence through support, advocacy, counseling and resources necessary to lay the foundation for the healing process and to prevent sexual violence through education, training and awareness to create a safe community for all. The center is Bergen County's only Sexual Violence Resource Center. It is a safe and welcoming place for survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. Their 24/7 crisis intervention hotline (201-487-2227) and online chat provide free and confidential assistance. Support is available to anyone who has been affected by sexual violence, whether it happened hours or years ago. The program director will speak to the congregation on **September 15**.



The Racial Justice committee will meet on Wednesday, **September 5th** at 7 p.m. in the Reeb conference room. Lois Parker-Hennion, a member of the committee and member of the 2017 team of educators selected by the Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance initiative, has offered to tell us what she's learned about racism in the United States the last two years and their efforts to bring this into the country's classrooms. You can learn the basics about this program by clicking [here](#).

Everyone interested in hearing Lois plus those who might be interested in joining the group are invited to come. Questions? Contact Carolyn Musser or Carol Loscalzo.

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REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

The Reproductive Justice Committee invites you to join them for their first meeting of the 2018-2019 congregational year on Sunday, **September 16** at 11:30 a.m. in the 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, use of shackles during pregnancy, labor and delivery, current and menstrual products for the incarcerated, poor, homeless and in schools. In addition, in this political climate we will be opposing the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the SCOTUS as well as tracking the many court case rulings both at the federal and district levels and the 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. There is lots of work to be done. We will be setting priorities at this meeting. Please join us!

Clothesline Project

Thursday, September 13th on the Green in Hackensack

Join healingSPACE, YWCA Bergen County as they display their collection of 2,000 shirts designed by survivors to raise awareness of sexual violence against men, women, and children for the 25th annual clothesline display. To celebrate the display, there will be a brief program at 12 noon. If you've never seen this, please drop by this year to support the survivors of sexual and domestic abuse. We all need to understand what they are feeling so we can take action to prevent future abuses. The time is now. Please see flyer on page 7. Contact Carol Loscalzo for further information.

GET OUT THE VOTE

The Social Responsibilities Council is committed to a GOTV campaign between now and the election on Tuesday, **November 5, 2018**. The SRC table will have applications to register to vote and Applications to Vote by Mail at the SRC table all Fall.

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 link for the voter application form for Bergen residents.

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 this application.

For further information, please click [here](#).

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Environmental Justice Committee

Sneak preview:

Be on the lookout during the next church year for some interesting, provocative and fun programs from our Committee. Are you a foodie? Interested in vegetarianism and the ethical eating movement? We hope to sponsor a vegetarian pot luck in the Fall. How about a movie night? Like to fight for environmental justice? We'll be sending news about letter writing campaigns and other legislative actions. Have an idea? Bring it along to our meeting.



All are welcome to join the Committee - Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16, at 11:30 am, in the second floor meeting room at REEB.

Bergen County Recycles Styrofoam for the first time!

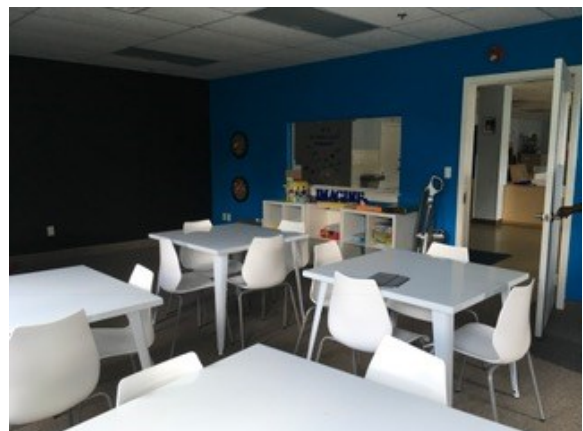
Did you know that Styrofoam has never been recyclable in Bergen County? It ALL ends up in landfills and NEVER goes away. On **September 23rd** Sustainable Jersey Bergen County will collect your clean, dry, uncontaminated **packaging Styrofoam** at the Glen Rock Recycling Center. To promote this unprecedented program members of the Environmental Justice Committee will transport your packaging from the Society to Glen Rock for you! Watch for the Eblast for more information on the collection. **NO PEANUTS, NO FOOD CONTAINERS, STYROFOAM PACKAGING ONLY.** *Start saving your large packing Styrofoam and participate in a first.* See flyer on page 8.

WE WANT YOU



A Thank You from C.A.M.P. YDP

We thank members of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood who donated money to help us improve our Game Room.
Mrs. Bria Pierre, Director





25th ANNUAL Clothesline Project

Bearing Violence to all Individuals Impacted by Sexual Violence.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

(RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 20)

10 AM - 5 PM

THE GREEN IN HACKENSACK

(ACROSS FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE)

Join healingSPACE as we display our collection of 2,000 shirts designed by survivors to raise awareness of sexual violence against men, women, and children for the 25th annual clothesline display.

For more information or to create a shirt, call 201-881-1751 or email Jill Kaufman at jkaufman@ywcabergencounty.org

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Let's Recycle Styrofoam

Did you know Styrofoam isn't recycled in Bergen County? All of our Styrofoam ends up in landfill and never goes away. Our Styrofoam takes up 30% of landfill space. That's a lot of space! Now you can do something about it. Bring your clean, dry, uncontaminated packaging Styrofoam to the Bergen County Styrofoam Collection Drive for recycling.

One Weekend Only



Bergen County Styrofoam Collection Drive



STYROFOAM PACKAGING ONLY



NO food containers



NO peanuts

Bergen County Collection Sites

Leonia

**Saturday
September 22
10:00 - 3:00**

Leonie Public Library
227 Fort Lee Road



Glen Rock

**Sunday
September 23
12:00 - 3:00**

Glen Rock Recycling Center
350 Doremus Avenue



This event is a waste reduction pilot program sponsored by the Sustainable Jersey Bergen HUB. All Bergen County residents, businesses and municipalities are invited to participate. Event is rain or shine. For more information please email: SJBergenHub@gmail.com

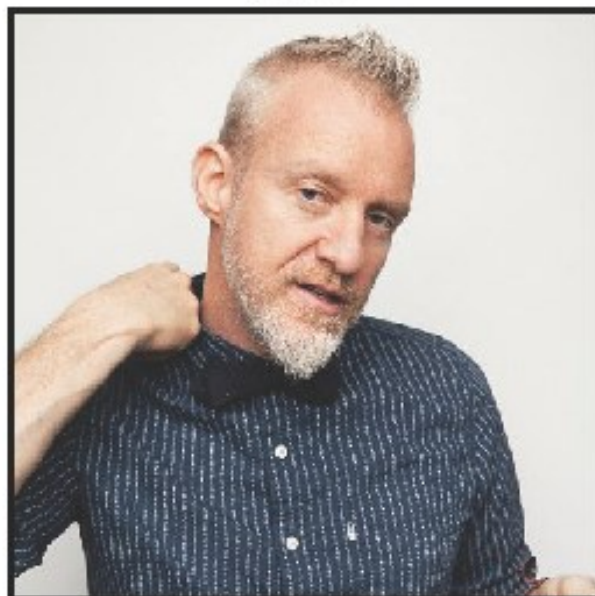


**SOCIETY CAFE
CONCERT SERIES
2018-19 SEASON PRESENTS...**



CHRIS BARRON

Lead singer for the Spin Doctors
Rock



Saturday, September 29th

Dessert at 7 p.m., Concert at 8 p.m.

The Unitarian Society of Ridgewood

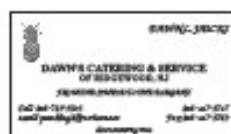
113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, NJ

\$20 in advance via PayPal on our site:

www.uuridgewood.org/society-cafe

\$25 at the door

\$5 at the door for ages 12-17, must be accompanied by an adult



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2 10:00 Service - Rev. Allen Wells	3 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm 7:45 Zen Medita- tion/Fellowship	4	5 1:00 First Wednesday Luncheon (off premise)	6 7:30 Adult Choir/ Fellowship	7	8 12:30 RE Volunteer Orientation/RE Space
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30 10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi 11:45 P&J Meeting/ Conference Rm						

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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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