



September 2019

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

New Course starting September 16th

On Monday September 16, the Monday Lecture Group of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood will begin a new Great Courses lecture titled "Emerson, Thoreau and the Transcendentalists", a 24-lecture series. Each lecture will talk about one facet of transcendentalist thought. Every Monday, promptly at 12:30 PM, we meet in the Fellowship Room at the rear of the main Unitarian building and view one 30-minute lecture followed by about one hour of open discussion. Participation is free of charge and open to all members of the congregation and of the greater Ridgewood community. There is no need to sign up or register. Just arrive on time. We hope you can join us.

Bring a Friend Sunday

Please plan on bringing a friend to our Sunday Service on **October 13, 2019**. We need to all do our part in increasing membership at USR, so please invite a friend!!!! Thank you for your support.

2019 Congregational Dinners Saturday Evening, October 26th

Every autumn we hold dinner gatherings at the homes of fifteen or more of our members. Our purpose is to have dinner in groups of just 8 to 10 people so we get to know each other better. It's also how new people can feel a part of things quickly. Each host and each guest prepares on part of the meal to share so everyone participates.

CIRCLE OF LIFE

USR recently was informed that Dave Chandler, son of Bob and Denny Chandler died suddenly on October 26, 2018. Many at USR will remember Denny and Bob who were long time and much loved members. Dave was struck by a car in NY State where he lived while shopping. He expired peacefully surrounded by family two days later. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Cheryl, sons Jesse, Zach, Seth and Casey and their partners, sisters Gael, Julia Anne and Jane and their spouses, five grandchildren and five nieces and nephews.

His sister Gael's email address is gnovato1@comcast.net. She stated that USR is a great memory for all that it meant to her parents and for her and her siblings. They remember fondly growing up at USR. She welcomes any communications and will share with her siblings.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES COUNCIL

September Plate Collection for SHARE, Inc.

SHARE, Inc. offers a unique option for independent senior living at its two residences in Ridgewood providing a family-like setting, all meals and a variety of activities at an affordable monthly fee. USR enjoys a special relationship with SHARE, as a number of USR members were instrumental in founding SHARE and making this concept a reality. Many USR members continue to volunteer at SHARE, visiting, preparing meals and offering transportation to residents. SHARE, Inc. is a non-profit and receives no governmental funding, depending upon its monthly residents' fee as well as grants and contributions. Maintaining two large residences (14 residents each) can be costly, with repairs and wear and tear requiring unanticipated outlays. SHARE, Inc. also helps a limited number of its residents afford their monthly fee via the Ritter Fund, a set aside pool of funds used exclusively for this purpose. September's special plate collection is devoted to SHARE, Inc.'s unrestricted donor fund, allowing SHARE to use the funds where most need, from repairs and maintenance to programs or fee subsidies. This is a worthy cause that is very dear to our hearts at USR. Your contributions are deeply appreciated.

For more information about SHARE please contact Don Campolo or Marilyn Maney.

Volunteer Opportunity

Did you know that our congregation is a part of the Family Promise network of congregations who provide support for homeless families at local shelters?

Our UU commitment for this year is Monday and Tuesday of Labor Day week (September 2 and 3). We start at 5 p.m and provide dinner (we will need cooks) and people to sleep over. There is also time to socialize with the adults and play with the children. This is a great opportunity for families and children to volunteer together. The shelter is located at the United Methodist Church in Ridgewood. Contact Betsy Longendorfer to volunteer or to learn more.

Annual Labor Day Barbeque

You are invited to the 81st Annual Labor Day BBQ at Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church from 12 noon to 5 p.m. For many years now, many USR congregants have attended and very enjoyed this event. Please consider joining us this year. Click [here](#) to view flyer.

Plate Collection Application Deadline – Monday, September 9, 2019

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 Monday, September 9. 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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Racial Justice Committee

The Racial Justice Committee invites you to join them on Friday, **September 20**, for a community/interfaith discussion, “Living the Legacy” — Memorials to Slavery, Lynching and the Holocaust: Paths to Reconciliation. Members of All Souls Unitarian Church, NY will be the leaders of the event and discussion. The group has been to the Montgomery Memorials to lynching. See flyer on Page 4.

NY Times Magazine Needed

Many have no doubt seen and/or read the New York Times magazine section, September 18, 2019 entitled “1619 Project” This is entirely devoted to essays about slavery and how the slave culture has impacted all aspects of how our country has developed and continues to function. It “contains essays on different aspects of contemporary American life, from mass incarceration to rush-hour traffic, that have their roots in slavery and its aftermath.” Nikole Hannah-Jones is a staff writer for the Times and is the person “from whose mind this project sprang. Her essay provides the intellectual framework for the project and can be read as an introduction.” (NYT 9/18/19). She has been interviewed numerous times on NPR and TV channels since the issue appeared. We believe that the entire magazine is definitely worth your time.

We would appreciate your giving us the magazine when you are finished so we can share with others at the SRC Table. Please put in the SRC box in Reeb or give it to Carolyn or Carol. We would be open to your thoughts and suggestions for how we can capitalize on these essays so please either email us or see us on Sunday mornings. We are thinking about a conversation after the service or something similar.

Thank you.

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



Environmental Justice Committee

Come out to support the student climate justice movement on Friday, **September 20th**. Climate strike events are being held in Mahwah and New York City. In NYC, famed youth climate activist Greta Thunberg will speak after sailing from Sweden to New York on an environmentally sound three person sailboat!

Mahwah: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/rcnj-climate-strike?>

NYC: <https://strikewithus.org>

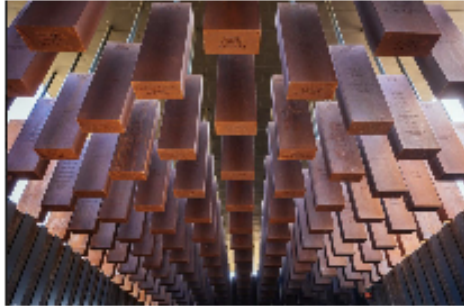
(Nina Forest is looking for fellow attendees. Please contact her if you would like to go together)

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THE RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF RIDGEWOOD
INVITES YOU TO A COMMUNITY/INTERFAITH DISCUSSION:

“Living the Legacy” Memorials to Slavery, Lynching and The Holocaust: Paths to Reconciliation

Friday, September 20, 2019, 7:30 p.m.



Montgomery



Berlin

Memorials create emotional spaces to help us acknowledge and understand the abuses of slavery, lynching and genocide. They provide opportunities to inform the present and motivation to ensure peace and justice for all.

“Slavery in America was violent, traumatizing and tragic. It lasted over two centuries, creating a wound that has not healed. After emancipation, Black people were re-enslaved through Jim Crow laws. Disenfranchised and unprotected by the rule of law, there was great suffering, but nothing maintained racial inequality more than lynching. Thousands of black people were drowned, burned, shot and hanged. Millions fled the American South..... Only by acknowledging the truth of our past can we have hope for our future. That is the purpose of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.”

Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative, MacArthur Fellow.



Linda Rousseau, MS (Left) is a retired educator, leader of the Social Justice programs at All Souls Unitarian Church, NY, and prison reform advocate.

Adline Usher, EdD (M Left) is a member of the Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation in White Plains, NY, and a consultant/advocate for students with physical disabilities.

Tosia McCormick, MS (M Right) is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in New York City.

Robert Dottin, PhD (Right) is a Professor of Biology at Hunter College of the City University of New York and a member of All Souls Unitarian Church, NY.

“We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.
Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.”

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate

“All I can do is make this borrowed time matter.”

Yisorel Goldstein, Rabbi, Poway Synagogue

Location:



Anderson Auditorium
113 Cottage Place
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Child Care provided with 2 weeks
notice. Please email Jeanne Nametz
at usr.dre1@gmail.com



Come join us for an informative orientation! First Friends of NJ & NY provides supportive volunteer services to immigration detainees and asylum seekers in 4 northern NJ county jails and detention centers.

This session will be a unique opportunity to learn about their work and how to help
EITHER:

1. By becoming a Volunteer Visitor or
2. With Post-release services.

When: Sunday, September 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation

4 Waldron Ave, Summit, NJ 07901

Please let us know if you plan to come!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-friends-volunteer-orientation-tickets-68609130757>

Sponsored by UU FaithAction and Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

If you have any questions, you can reach Rosa Santana, Program Director, at RSantana@firstfriendsnjny.org.

UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF RIDGEWOOD, PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
113 COTTAGE PLACE, RIDGEWOOD, NJ

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019

7:30 P.M.

PRESENTS...

SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

Emigrants, Immigrants and Refugees: Their Dilemma...and Ours

Join Judy Manton for a presentation focusing on the complex issues of immigration based on her interactions with the Latin American community over the past 60 years. Judy will discuss how people are affected by emigration and immigration and the experiences of guest workers, asylum seekers, refugees, and detainees. She will report on how the situation at the US/Mexican border has changed since 2015 and will also discuss orderly legal migration and successful asylum seekers and their resettlement.

Judy Manton, an active member of the UU Congregation of the Palisades, has taught "Cross-Cultural Perspectives" at Fairleigh Dickenson University for 28 years. She has taught English as a Second Language to adult immigrants both in New York City and at Bergen Community College. Judy directed a migrant worker program in Iowa. Currently, she is the director of a summer training program for Teachers of English in various parts of China.

The 'Push' Factors behind Emigration: Honduras

Last November Judy joined a delegation to Honduras sponsored by The Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice and hosted by Foro para La Vida, an umbrella group of 17 organizations of activist women, who have witnessed narco-trafficking, rape by police and the military, and land seizure by big business. Their struggle in speaking truth to power against their illegal government will be another main focus of the presentation.



CO-SPONSORED: Northern New Jersey Sanctuary Coalition

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES
OF THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF RIDGEWOOD INVITE YOU TO



OCTOBER 4th, 5th and 6th, 2019

A SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th

FILM: MANN V FORD

Ramapough Tribe's legal fight with Ford Motor Company over the contamination of Ringwood, NJ.
Discussion following film led by USR member John Nolan.

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th

PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel discussion on how environmental racism allows our neighbors to suffer disproportionately from pollution and environmental hazards featuring **Jeff Tittel**, Director, New Jersey Sierra Club, **Chief Vincent Mann**, Turtle Clan, Ramapough Lenape Nation, **Amy Goldsmith**, State Director New Jersey Clean Water Action, and **Steve Kehayes**, Paterson Habitat for Humanity.

Light supper served, \$10 suggested donation. Reservations for dinner: usr.secretary@gmail.com
Doors open at 6:00pm, speakers 7:00pm in Anderson Auditorium

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th

Sunday service with address by Rev. Dr. Sarah Lenzi. All are welcome!

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

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8 10:00 Service - Rev. Sarah Lenzi	9 12:30 Monday Lecture Series/ Fellowship Rm 7:00 BOT Meeting/Conf. Rm. 7:45 Zen Meditation/Fellowship	10 7:00 Covenant Group/Conf. Rm	11 7:00 Racial Justice Mtg./ Conf. Rm	12 7:30 Adult Choir Practice/ Fellowship	13	14 10:00 SRC Mtg./ Upstairs Mtg 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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NOW accepting articles for a September 24th deadline

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