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## **THE ROCKLAND UNITARIAN**

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**June 2, 10:30 am            Bridget Laureira  
Science and/or Religion?**

Can we believe in both religion and science or are these opposing beliefs? Some religious denominations welcome modern science while others are suspicious of it. Some scientists have been religious, others atheists. How did Galileo and Darwin cause clashes between science and religion. Can we discuss science and religion or is it science versus religion?

**Coordinator: Tricia Larkin**

**June 9, 10:30 am            Rev. Sangrey  
   & Terri Pahucki  
RE & Coming of Age**

Join us in celebration as we recognize the journeys our children and youth have made this year! Our Coming of Age youth will share their Credo's, marking an important milestone in their lives as Unitarian Universalists. We will also celebrate the completion of the Timeless Themes and UU Simpsons classes.

**Coordinator: Rob Young**

**June 16, 10:30 am            Rev. Sangrey  
   & Terri Pahucki**

**De Colores – Flower Communion**

Bring a flower to add to the bouquet for our annual flower communion ceremony. We will celebrate the diversity and beauty of our congregation, recognize the leaders who have worked hard all year to sustain UUCR, and thank the teachers who have shared themselves with our children. A bridging ceremony rounds out the morning as one of our youth transitions to young adulthood.

**Coordinator: Harry Shair**

### **SUMMER SERVICES**

*June 23 is the beginning of our summer services. A complete list of these services will be in the summer issue of the newsletter and on our website:*

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*JUNE IS ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS*

June begins at the height of spring and tumbles down into summer. The first really warm days finish drawing out the leaves, and suddenly there is shade. Daffodils and tulips give way to peonies and lilac with the roses not far behind. The birds nest and hatch their young. Goslings and signets line up behind their parents in the pond. On the ridge above my home in New Paltz, buttercups appear and the first mountain laurel blooms. "All nature wears one universal grin" (Henry Fielding).

Be sure to take time to enjoy the outdoors. When the weather is fine, there are few pleasures that match the first days of summer. In August we may be tired of the heat, but now it warms our faces and soaks into our bones. We are dazed and delighted after the long hard winter.

June is endings and beginnings. School ends for the year with testing and contests and ceremonies. At UUCR we mark the close of the regular season with RE Sunday and our Flower Communion. Summer services begin in late June with guest and lay speakers in a more relaxed format.

Over the summer the Board of Trustees and the Board of Worship will gather with their newly elected members in retreat to plan for a smooth transition into the fall.

I will be taking vacation time at the beginning and end of June, leading worship and keeping office hours in mid-June and throughout July, and taking some final weeks of vacation in August. Please mark your calendars and join us for the congregation's annual picnic on July 28 as we say farewell to Terri Pahucki.

May you enjoy all the blessings of summer. With gratitude.

Dawn

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June is upon us, and with it the closing of another RE year. This year I am filled with a mixture of emotions--pride in our children and youth as I have watched them learn and grow in faith and as leaders this past year; gratitude for the dedication, time, and creativity that our teachers, youth advisors, and so many supporters have given RE; and sadness as our time together will soon be coming to a close. I will remain as RE Director of the UU Congregation of Rockland until July 31st in order to ensure a smooth transition, preparing curriculum plans and teaching staff for the fall, and organizing materials and other administrative tasks for your new director. I will be present on most Sundays through the end of July.

June is full of joy! On June 9th we celebrate RE Sunday. Our Coming of Age youth will share their Credo (personal statements of belief), as we recognize their faith development journeys to become leaders in Unitarian Universalism this past year. We will also celebrate the completion of the Timeless Themes and Simpsons classes, and the learning and growth of all our RE children. June 16th is our Annual Intergenerational Flower Communion and will include recognition of our leaders and teachers and our graduating high school seniors. Rev. Dawn and I will lead these All-Ages services together, in celebration with our whole community.

We will also have teacher and assistant sign-up sheets for our new classes available on the back table in the worship room throughout June. Our fall RE classes will be announced on RE Sunday. Please add your name to continue to support and strengthen our religious education program, as we grow in learning and spirit together!

*JUNE RE SCHEDULE*

June 2	CWS (children's worship service), RE classes
9	Multigenerational Service- RE and Coming of Age Sunday
16	Multigenerational Service- Flower Communion
23	Summer Season Begins- Childcare Available, NO RE classes

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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS**

### **Annual Meeting**

The UUCR Annual Meeting was held on May 19th after services. Here are the results:

- the budget for the coming year was passed
- there were 3 open positions for Board of Trustees. Carl Camenisch and Jim Recktenwalt were elected to fill two of the positions. One position remained unfilled. The BOT will work to fill that remaining position for the coming year.
- there were 3 open positions for the Board of Worship. Tricia Larkin, Michelle Solomon and Sarah Gordon were elected to fill those positions.
- Mike Steger was elected to succeed himself as Clerk.
- The following people were elected to the fill the 5 positions filled yearly for nominating committee: Diane Bennett, Alex Finger, Barbara Francis, Gale Lavinder, and Melissa Schroeter.
- the proposed bylaws changes (to allow Trustees who will be active in the fiscal year starting in July to vote on the new officers at the June meeting of the BOT) were approved, with one amendment from the floor that changed it so that the Treasurer reports to the Board of Trustees and is answerable to the congregation, rather than the previous wording where the Treasurer reported to and was answerable to the Board.

### **Staffing Searches**

The Ministerial and DRE search committees are working diligently on their searches. There is not much to report currently, but they are working and we will announce once there is more news to report.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hillary Torres  
Chair, Board of Trustees



## **TREASURER'S NEWS**

On Sunday, the budget for the new fiscal year (7/1/19-6/30/20) was passed unanimously by the Congregation. This will be an active new fiscal year with a search for our new minister and RE Director. At the close of this current fiscal year (6/30/19), I will send out statements for all outstanding pledges. Anyone wishing to know their pledge status before fiscal year end, please contact me.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Barbara Francis, Treasurer

## **PRIDE SUNDAY 2019**

The Rockland Pride Center is organizing Pride Sunday 2019 this year for June 23rd from 12-5pm. It will take place right in the center of the Village of Haverstraw (40 New Main St). This year the theme is Celebrating the LGBTQ+ Latinx Community. UUCR will be staffing a table at the event. Be on the lookout for signup sheets on the back tables at services, or reach out to Hillary Torres if you would like to volunteer or have questions. For more information about the event, go to: <http://rocklandpridecenter.org/event/pride-sunday-2019/>

## **CONGREGATIONAL SAFETY**

The Ramapo Police Department is offering a course on "Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Events." The course is less than 2 hours (depending on participants and Q&A time). Are you interested? Let Emily know the best time for you so that we can schedule a course to be held at the UUCR.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

The Membership Committee welcomes a new chair: Susan Brunelli! The committee welcomes you to participate - we have a place for greeters, coffee/hospitality work and planning for events such as potlucks, Circle Suppers and whatever will strengthen our bonds.

## Mark your Calendar for July 28

Thank you Rev. Dawn and DRE Terri!! We will have an all-congregation picnic after worship on July 28. We're planning for a great event - delicious food, fun games and activities for the whole family. We may also have some special music! Our special guests of honor will be Rev. Dawn and DRE Terri, to show them our appreciation for their years with us. We're sad to see them go, but we want to give them a good send-off.

### June Greeters:

June 2: Sarah Gordon

June 9: Trudy Pojman and Denise Waithe

June 16: Alex Finger and Sophia Camenisch

June 23: Susan Brunelli and Emily Kratzer

June 30: Nel Hubbard and Sarah Gordon



Susan Brunelli will host coffee June 2 and 9; coffee will be on hiatus after June 16.

**Deadline for July Issue  
June 16, 2019 6 pm**

## JUNE CALENDAR

*Al-Anon meets Mondays at 9:30 am*

*Yoga meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am*

**Many private events take place during the month so it is vital that you check office calendar/Mary.**

- June 1: Youth Overnight
- June 9: BOT Meeting, 12:15 pm
- June 21: Summer Solstice, Mikki Baloy  
8-9:30 pm  
Youth Overnight, 8:30 pm
- June 23: Rockland Pride, 11-5 pm  
Haverstraw
- June 29: BOW Retreat, 9 – 1 pm

## WELCOME

You'll find a warm welcome at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockland, the county's only Unitarian Universalist congregation.

No matter what your religious belief, background or former affiliation, if any, we invite you to join our search for truth and meaning.

### Worship services every Sunday, 10:30 am

Discover who we are, what we believe in and the liberal religious education we provide our children.

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