Upcoming Worship

August 5 - "Church Mind - Part One" with RevAlex
August 12 - "Church Soul - Part Two" with RevAlex
August 19 - Minister Emeritus Kirk Ballin
August 26 - "Celebration Day" with RevAlex

Special Upcoming August Events

Thur, August 2
UUCR is closed until 4 pm due to a power outage from electrical company while doing work on the kitchen remodel. Please do not come to the church before 4 pm. Thank you

Wed - Friday, August 1-3
All Day
Church Office Closed

Tues, August 7
6-8 pm
Board Executive Meeting, Olin

Friday, August 10
6:30 pm
Earth Friendly Friday

Tuesday, August 14
6:30-8:30
UUCR Board Meeting, Guests are welcome to attend.

Sat., August 18
7:00 p.m.
Dances of Universal Peace, open to everyone, Fellowship Hall

Wed., August 8 and 22
6-8 p.m.
RE Writing Group, Olin room
**Sundays:**
Adult RE begins at 9:30 am  
Children’s RE begins at 11:00 am  
Worship Service begins at 11:00 am  
[uuroanoke.org](http://uuroanoke.org)

**Ongoing Events**

6:00 pm, **Mondays**; Tai Chi (Qi Gong and Taijiquan)  
6:00 pm, **Mondays**; Good Enuf Choir Practice  
12:00 pm, **1st Mondays**; Caring Committee meeting

6:30 pm, **3rd Tuesdays**; Adult RE Director’s Cut movie night  
6:00 pm, **last Tuesdays**; The Sun magazine discussion group

7:00 pm, **Every Wed**; Choir practice  
6:00 pm, **Every other Wed**; Writing Group - The group meets August 8 and 22 from 6-8 p.m. in the Olin room and every other Wednesday. Are you interested in fostering a personal practice of writing? Would you like to get to know others better through sharing and listening? A regular writing practice engenders creativity and promotes reflection and healing, and sharing with a group builds a community. Any writing style is welcome—haiku, poetry, short story, essay, etc. For more information, to join our email list, and to find out about upcoming topics, please contact Anna Tulou Orr at annatulou@gmail.com.

12:30 pm, **Thursdays**; Men’s group, there will be no meeting on Aug 2.  
11:30 am, **1st & 3rd Thursdays**; Women’s Group, there will be no meeting on Aug 2 at UUCR.

6:30 pm, **2nd Fridays**; Earth Friendly Fridays.

7:00 pm, **3rd Saturdays**; Dances of Universal Peace

9:30 am, **Sundays**; Living the Questions Class, Olin room  
12:30 pm, **2nd Sundays**; Non-Theist Group

**UUCR kitchen will be closed until further notice due to renovations.**
After service on Sundays, bottled water will be available. Please feel free to bring your own coffee to drink in a cup with a lid. Thank you to everyone for their cooperation and patience during this time of making UUCR a better place for years to come.

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**Volunteer**
Our young church leaders need you! **Please consider joining** our teaching teams, childcare teams, Youth Advisor teams, or other volunteer roles. Check out our [Online Volunteer Form](http://uuroanoke.org) or write to Alan: aMoore@uuroanoke.org.
from the Rev...
In the well known PBS conversation that Bill Moyers had with Joseph Campbell back in the mid-1980’s, Moyers says that people yearn for meaning and purpose in their lives. Campbell disagrees, responding that what people really want is simply to feel most alive.

Mamie Lee Quinn, my beloved French teacher throughout high school, taught me that the French had one up on us Americans because they understood that the most important thing in life was to know “beaucoup d’enthusiasm”. Decades later in my UU congregation, I learned that the root meaning of enthusiasm is “god flowing through”. It’s like “the force” from the Star Wars story that our UUCR children are studying in their Sunday morning Jedi Academy this summer.

I know that I experience my life as more fulfilling when I’m enthusiastic. I believe that the same holds true for congregations. I also know that many congregations struggle to know enthusiasm. I feel sadness for those congregations and hope/pray they can find their way to greater fulfillment.

UUCR is fortunate to have a history of shared enthusiasm from time to time. The question I want us to wrestle with this coming church year is how might we have more and more times of shared enthusiasm, towards having more god-force flowing through us, towards knowing more fulfillment. I challenge you to ponder this question. I will be putting it before you again and again.

Hoping that your August is full of enthusiasm.
Thankful for the privilege of being your minister.
Much heart, RevAlex

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August Birthdays...
Ann Hackworth, Robin Poteet-Ballin, Jeanne Larson, Anne Perrin, Julia Fells, Chris Yates, Cindy Honeycutt, Eileen Lepro, Evelyn Danner, Betty Hancock-Bright, Mary Harshfield, Jane Harrison, Anne Foulke, Nora Smith and Jane Haddad

Happy Birthday!

Youth Birthdays...
Ben, Bella, Bill, Camden, Garrett, Johnny, Laura, and Merryn

If your name isn’t listed, email mbrauch@uuroanoke.org to let us know your month and day.
Lifespan Faith Development News

Adult RE:

Sundays | 9:30 am | Living the Questions Class
The Summer Series will continue with a variety of topics. Contact Claire English for questions or further information – cenglish8@cox.net

Tuesday, August 21 | 6:00 pm | Director's Cut Movie Night
There will not be a July Movie Night. Our next night will be in August.

Tuesday, August 28 | 6 pm | New Discussion Group, The Sun Magazine!
The Sun magazine monthly discussion group meets in the Olin room.

Summer Children and Youth RE:
Sundays | 11:00 am:

Ages 0-5: Nursery care and playtime with our caregivers!

- Grades K-8: Jedi Academy – This 10-session summer program is designed to bring spiritual/ethical lessons from Star Wars into a cohesive program for children and youth. The world of the Jedi incorporates beliefs from many different philosophies, and has inspired real-life practices of spirituality. The Jedi believe in the “Living Force,” a spiritual presence that surrounds us, penetrates us, and binds all the matter in the universe together. The focus is on the UU Principles and the colors of lightsabers.

Register for Fall – Neighboring Faiths and Concepts of God:
Registration is now open for Fall classes, which begin September 9th. All minor children and youth must register to participate in UUCR faith development programs, including nursery and out-of-church experiences for older youth. Online registration is found here: https://goo.gl/forms/SFlKeuOxz8IBI0dF2
August 5
Lifelines – Beth Caruthers
A/V – Betsy Biesenbach
Head Usher – Bruce Stewart and Barbara Horton
Lead Greeter – Chris Yates

August 12
Life Lines – Sally Garber
A/V – Adam Honeycutt
Head Usher – Dennis McKim
Lead Greeter – Suzi Newton
Kitchen – Ron and Robin Salzbach
Recycling – Laurie Spangler

August 19
Life Lines – Linda Wallis
A/V – Todd Hannabass
Head Usher – Jim Overholser
Lead Greeter – Lydia Woerner
Kitchen – James Rosar
Recycling – Susan Anderson-Hodges

August 26
Life Lines – Jane Harrison
A/V – David Perry
Head Usher – Henry Woodward and Anne Perrin
Lead Greeter – Judy Robertson
Kitchen – Pam Yates
Recycling – Cindy Honeycutt
The Green Team's Earth Friendly Friday presents...

PROTECT and DIVEST
UUCR Sanctuary, Aug. 10, 2018 -
Social time, 6:30 (snacks welcome)
Program, 7:00

The role of money and finance in extractive industries, especially in fossil fuels and pipelines, poses tremendous challenges, and opportunities. In a society run by corporate profits, we must learn to beat them at their own game, to get their undivided attention. With millions of dollars in state deposits and in the Virginia Retirement System going to companies like Sturm, Ruger and Co., as well as EQT and Dominion, we have the power to impact those profit lines. Join us for an evening of learning how to make divestment and reinvestment a powerful tool of any environmental or social movement.

Austin Sachs is the director and founder of Protect and Divest, an organization focused on using economic means to bring about racial, economic, environmental and social justice. After witnessing the crisis of Standing Rock and our government's response to it, Austin turned his focus to divestment efforts related to the Dakota Access Pipeline. With time, his focus broadened to include all extractive industries, because they all feed off the same group of people. Austin is a rising senior at Eastern Mennonite University, studying economics and accounting. He is a proud resident of Harrisonburg, VA.

Connections Team

Connections Team fosters relationships with our visitors, friends, and members to enhance their UU experience. Our commitment encompasses the following:

- We serve as Sunday Service greeters to ensure that all visitors feel welcome
- We are a resource for newcomers, providing information and opportunities for pathways to membership.
- We host and support a variety of church social events.

Greeters have the opportunity to be the welcoming person for all who come to UUCR. We are looking for anyone who would love to help meet your fellow UU and welcome all into our house. This is a 20-minute commitment before Sunday services. Contact Nancy Brattain at nbrattain@cox.net

UUCR Endowment Team

To learn more about the Endowment Fund, contact any of the trustees: Cynthia Petzold (committee chair), Ann Hackworth, Lowell Inhorn and Bert Spetzler.
Caring Committee - Joys and Concerns

Contact Sally Garber with questions at jessgarber@comcast.net. If you have a confidential joy or concern for the minister, you can put your request in the locked box on the podium located in the alcove next to the name tag board.

Carol Hingular -
Carol is happy to report that Gracie, her wonderful dog, will have a new home with Judy and Moorman Robertson on their farm in Moneta. She can now prepare for her big move to Friendship Retirement. All will be well!

Eric Harshfield -
Jimbo and Mary Harshfield's son, Eric, received his PhD in Epidemiology on July 20 from the University of Cambridge in England. Congratulations to Dr. Eric Harshfield and his family.

Charlotte Seth -
Charlotte is still at Brandon Oaks in rehab from her fall when she broke both wrists. She is in room 112 and please call before you visit, 283-8612.

In the Community

GIVING UP or ROUND UP at the Co-Op in August for Reading Seeds!

Please support Reading Seeds, UUCR’s own early literacy program for at-risk children in our neighborhood, by giving up (rounding up to the next dollar) at the register when shopping at the Roanoke Co-op in the month of August.

All proceeds will go to purchasing high-quality, new children’s books for children at TAP Head Start and neighborhood elementary schools. Reading Seeds has increased its book distributions over the last couple of years so that children can build up big enough home libraries that will really make a difference in their ability to read.

Please help us continue to donate books at this level and make a real difference for our neighbors. See Caryl Connolly if you are interested in volunteering to sit at a Reading Seeds information table at the Co-op for an hour or two any Saturday in August. Caryl can be reached at yogawithcaryl@yahoo.com
UUCR Members Serve at RAM HOUSE
On Saturday June 23, 2018 UUCR members helped prepare and serve 73 noon meals to some hungry men and women at RAM House. Thank you to our members who volunteered their time; John Goodhart, Lorraine Fleck, Bill and Sheri Bestpitch and Dick Hawkins. For more than 25 years UUCR members have donated their time and efforts to assist with this very worthy charitable community service. RAM also helps needy people in our community in many other ways such as providing day shelter, utility assistance, emergency employment counseling, clothing needs, etc. Their goal is to empower many people to move from dependency to self-sufficiency. If you would like to help in any way with this very worthy local charity please contact them by phone at 540-345-9786, email at www.raminc.org, or visit their headquarters at 824 Campbell Ave.

Pack-A-Snack Program
Southwest Roanoke City’s Congregations in Action church members also donate school supplies to the four elementary schools we support in the pack-a-snack program. Recently, I’ve noticed school supplies are on sale. Since we are not collecting snack foods for pack-a-snack until the kitchen is open again, this would be a good way to contribute to the children. It is a good time to pick up some of the following supplies and leave your donations in the box marked, “Donations of School Supplies” in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

- dry erase markers
- glue sticks
- wide ruled notebook paper
- wide ruled composition notebooks (they like the black marbled covered with no wires)
- #2 pencils and Crayola crayons and colored pencils.

GREAT NEWS!!! CIA was the Roanoke Co-op’s featured “Round Up Your Change” non-profit for June, and thanks to your generosity and that of other Co-op shoppers, CIA Pack-a-Snack netted $2,293.02 to use for the children. Outstanding!!!

Thanks to all who participate!! Bonnie Evans, UUCR Representative Congregations in Action Organizing Committee bevans@uuroanoke.org or 540-314-0595.
UUCR Housekeeping

The Member Church Directory has been posted on the website with a member password. If you are a member, please contact me for that password. I would like to ask members to look over the directory, and email me any updates that are necessary.

UU World Magazine subscribers... If you are not sure that you are subscribed or if you would like to be subscribed to get the quarterly publication, email me today with the correct address, phone number, and email address.

For safety and liability reasons, there should not be anyone in the church without prior scheduling. Please put all supplies away after using any room at UUCR on any given day. There are a lot of persons coming and going, and we like to have each room ready to be used at any moment. Thank you for taking care of your church.

*It takes a village to grow our community of faith, and volunteers are the heart of our village. We are here on this earth to help others, and there is always good work to be done. We have openings! If you have a specific interest please let me know!*

Reach out to me if you need help or assistance, and thank you all for your help.
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