Upcoming Worship

July 1  -  "Patriotism and Protest"

July 8  -  "The Challenges facing the World"

July 15 - "Bastille Day Remembrances" with RevAlex
It's the day after Bastille Day. It's a Sunday to remember historical connections between our American revolution and those in other places, like France, that followed. It's a Sunday to enjoy the pleasures of summertime and give thanks for our cultural inheritance. It's a Sunday to ponder how those revolutions of the past still call out to us to do more, be more, change more. Come, Come to remember revolution!

July 22  -  TBA

July 29 - "Dog Days - Part One" with RevAlex
It's the first in a three part series that will run through Sunday, August 12. Our UUA's 2018 General Assembly will be concluded. Many of us will be back from vacation. The new school year is on the horizon. Come to ponder the ending of summer, the soon-to-be new church year, and other great things coming our way!
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**Sundays:**
Adult RE begins at 9:30 am
Children's RE begins at 11:00 am
Worship Service begins at 11:00 am
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**Ongoing Events**

6:00 pm, Mondays: Tai Chi (Qigong and Taijiquan)
6:00 pm, Mondays: Good Enuf Choir Practice
6:30 pm, 3rd Tuesdays: Director's Cut faith development movie night
6:00 pm, last Tuesdays: The Sun magazine discussion group
12:30 pm, Thursdays: Men's group
11:30 pm, 1st & 3rd Thursdays: Women's Group. Contact Bonnie Nelson.
6:30 pm, 2nd Fridays: Earth Friendly Fridays. **July topic:** Citizens Climate Lobby
7:00 pm, 3rd Saturdays: Dances of Universal Peace
9:30 am, Every Sunday: Living the Questions Class
12:30 pm, 2nd Sundays: Non-Theist Group

**Writing Group - Coming July 11!**
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. Beginning July 11, we meet every other Wednesday in the Olin Room from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Any writing style is welcome – haiku, poetry, short story, essay, etc. To get more information and to be added to the email contact list contact Anna Tulou Orr at annatulou@gmail.com.

**UUCR kitchen will be closed to thru Sat., August 4.**
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 corporation and patience during this time of making UUCR a better place for years to come.
**Special Upcoming July Events**

**Wed., July 4**  
All Day  
**Tues., July 11**  
6-8 p.m.  
**Thur., July 12**  
10:30 - 1:30 pm  
6:00 p.m.  
**Fri., July 13**  
6:30-8:30 pm  
**Sat., July 14**  
All Day

- Holiday - Office Closed
- RE Writing Group, Olin room – first night!
- UUCR Art Gallery Change, Fellowship Hall
- Connections Team Meeting, Olin
- Earth Friendly Friday, Citizens’ Climate Lobby
- Teen Peace Jam with Plowshare, UUCR

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**TEEN PEACE JAM**

5th annual teen conference! Workshops on peace, justice, art & life skills! Speaker, food, music, community service hours! Totally free!

July 14, 9 AM to 5 PM at Roanoke Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2015 Grandin Rd. For more information, plowshare@plowshareva.org.

Sponsored by Plowshare Peace Center

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**Thurs., July 17**  
6:30-8:30  
**Sat., July 21**  
7:00 p.m.  
**Tues., July 24**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Wed., July 25**  
6-8 p.m.

- UUCR Board Meeting; Welcome, New board members
- Dances of Universal Peace, open to everyone, Fellowship Hall
- (SMC) Shared Ministry Committee Meeting, Olin
- RE Writing Group, Olin room

**July 15-21 SUUSI**

Registration is open for SUUSI 2018 [http://solis.suusi.org](http://solis.suusi.org)
from the Rev...

A favorite memory from summers past is of how my son, back when he was just a little boy, joined with me in turning off our water heater on Memorial Day each May towards making for a greener household. We would turn it back on as late in the following fall as we could continue to tolerate cold showers - made it one year into mid-October. These summertime cold water showers led to one heck of a lot of funny hollering in our house. He did. I did. God knows that our shocked guests did too. And invariably, all that funny hollering was followed by much shared laughter.

My son and I started this summertime cold water practice because our UU congregation, which at the time was striving for Green Sanctuary designation from the UUA, asked each of its members to try and figure out one more sacrifice that could be done at home to make for a greener community. I don't remember which of us proposed this cold water idea, but I do remember the good-humored pride that we both felt for making the change.

Vibrant religious community asks of its membership to give more and to change. The long-standing paradoxical wisdom shared by all the world's great religions is that through giving more and changing that we gain. Such was the case for me and my kid nearly thirty years ago. Such is still the case, so I believe, when our congregation does likewise.

My son and I kept to the cold-water shower summertime practice for most of his growing up, although we did eventually quit cutting the water heater off, thus allowing for cool-water showers. He and I both gained much self-respect for what we did over those years. We felt pride in our greener practice, and thankful to Unitarian Universalism for having prodded us to change.

I continue to hope for our faith to prod me, and you, towards new practice. I understand others of you to be of like mind. I hope we get prodded into new ways of being, encouraging self-sacrifice on each of our parts, towards growing pride and gratitude in each of us.

I also hope that you're having as much fun this summer as I am each time I still choose a cold water shower! It's amazing what good craziness a vibrant religious community can stir up in people.

Happy Summertime!
May new practices abound.
Much heart, Rev Alex
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, July 31 | 6 pm: New Discussion Group, The Sun Magazine!
The Sun magazine monthly discussion group meets in the Olin room.

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.

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:
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/SFTkcuOxz8IBL0dF2

Volunteer
Our young future leaders need you! Please consider joining our Jedi Academy teaching team, Childcare teams, Youth Advisor teams, or other volunteer roles. Check out our Online Volunteer Form or write to aMoore@uuroanoke.org.
UUCR Volunteers in July

**July 1, 2018**  
Lifelines – Judie Lallmang  
A/V – Todd Hannabass  
Head Usher – Dennis McKim  
Lead Greeter – Nancy Brattain

**July 8**  
Lifelines – Beth Caruthers  
A/V – Adam Honeycutt  
Head Usher – Dick Hawkins  
Lead Greeter – Suzi Newton

**July 15**  
Lifelines – Judie Lallmang  
A/V – Betsy Biesenbach  
Head Usher – Michael Gettins  
Lead Greeter – Lydia Woerner

**July 22**  
Lifelines – Jane Harrison  
A/V – Bob Egbert / David Perry  
Head Usher – Jim Overholser  
Lead Greeter –

**July 29**  
Lifelines – Linda Wallis  
A/V – Adam Honeycutt  
Head Usher – Ray Wurzburger  
Lead Greeter – Nancy Brattain

**Jedi Academy** – Jessie McKeon, Laura Latham, Jerry Trammel, Wilson Shi-Wang, Katherine Hoffman, Joy Bruce

**Child Caregivers** – Sharon Jameson, Wilson Shi Wang, Jackson Wages
The Green Team's Earth Friendly Friday presents...

Citizens' Climate Lobby
July 13, 2018 – Social time, 6:30 (snacks welcome) Program, 7:00

Citizens' Climate Lobby is a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots organization dedicated to creating the political will to combat the ever-growing dangers posed by climate change. The group proposes a program known as Carbon Fee and Dividend, which would place a fee on fossil fuels and return those fees to American households, thus serving to simultaneously reduce emissions and drive economic growth. Citizens’ Climate Lobby sees this as the simplest, most direct, and most effective solution to climate change available, and therefore it seeks to educate the public on the details and benefits of the program as well as mobilize supporters to convince Congress to enact it.

Ross Merriam, a resident of Roanoke City, is one of three leaders of the Roanoke Valley Chapter of CCL. He’s been with CCL for over a year, since the chapter was formed. While he is passionate about many political issues, climate change is one of particular resonance for him because he believes it will make the efforts toward social justice in every other area much more difficult. Ross is a professional gamer, a job which keeps him traveling on many weekends, but allows him to set his own hours. He has vowed to use his flexibility to help the world around him.

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 needed. 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
This spring, the UUCR Endowment Fund received a donation of $200. To learn more about the Endowment Fund, contact any of the trustees: Cynthia Petzold (committee chair), Ann Hackworth, Lowell Inhorn and Bert Spetzler.
July Birthdays...
Ray Wurzberger, Joanne Spetzler, Joann Patterson, Spike Harrison, Dennis Danner, Richard Evans, Melanie Ham, Adam Honeycutt, Carl Accomando, Bill Hackworth, Sally Garber, and Judy Robertson

Youth Birthdays...
Nate, Sophia, Seth, John J., Emmett, Heidi, and Annabelle M.

If your name isn't listed, email mbrauch@uuroanoke.org to let us know your month and day.

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.

Hugh and Peggy Wells -
Hugh’s mother passed away recently. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Adam and Cindy Honeycutt -
The happy couple celebrated 29 years of marriage on June 24. Adam says he is still glad Cindy picked him.

UUCR Housekeeping
The kitchen is coming along and we are on schedule. Please be sure to leave the doors closed and not enter the kitchen area for safety and liability reasons. Pictures coming soon. Thank you for your patience.

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.
Megan  mBrauch@UUroanoke.org
In the Community

HOST FAMILY
Hollins University is seeking participants in its Friendship Abroad Family for the school's new international students. The commitment is for one year to assist in the students' transitional year, helping them adjust to living away from home in a new country. With this program, you have the opportunity to connect with an international student, but you don't have the pressure of the full responsibility that comes with some host family programs. Our students all live on campus. Participants spend time with their student at least once a month doing whatever you do (running to the farmer's market, over for a movie). The hope is to expose the students to life in the States off campus. The largest commitment is upon arrival, August 20. We do ask that your student stay with you for the two days when she arrives so you will be the first person who bonds with her. It also allows her to rest before starting orientation. Our new students will be coming from the following places: Ethiopia, Germany, Hong Kong S.A.R., India, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saipan (U.S. territory), Taiwan, Vietnam. For more information, please contact Jeri L. Suarez, Associate Dean Cultural & Community Engagement, Hollins University, jsuarez@hollins.edu, 540.362.6382

GRACIE NEEDS A HOME
Gracie, my nine-year-old Blue Tick Hound/Border Collie cross, has been my wonderful friend and companion since she was a little pup. Now my progressing disability compels me to sell my home and move to Friendship Living, hopefully this Fall. Sadly, Gracie cannot go with me there.

Gracie is a gentle, sensitive, loving, still playful, well-trained, very intelligent girl. She weighs 65 pounds, is spayed and micro-chipped, in excellent health (some arthritis is requiring her to take more rests when we play ball), and is always up-to-date on vaccinations and preventive meds.

Gracie would do best where there is some open space. She has always lived in a fairly rural part of Botetourt, and is not used to lots of traffic, noise, congestion. She would need a fenced yard, hopefully a place to run, would likely enjoy the company of children or other dogs .... but most of all she needs someone(s) who would love her and take good care of her.
Are you out there? Carol Hingula 992-5634, 1carolhi43@gmail.com
Rev. Alex Richardson  
Email: ARichardson@UURoanoke.org | Mobile: (336) 471-5580  
The minister can meet by appointment Sunday - Wednesday.

Rev. Kirk Ballin, Pastor Emeritus of UUCR  
Email: kirkuucemeritus@uuroanoke.org | 540-793-0752  

Alan Moore, Director of Lifespan Faith Development  
Email: AMoore@UURoanoke.org | Mobile: (540) 818-4964  
Alan can meet by appointment.

Kerry Morgiewicz, Music Director  
Email: KMorgiewicz@uuroanoke.org | Home: (540) 989-3190  
Kerry can meet by appointment. Choir practice at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Megan Brauch, Congregational Administrator  
Email: MBrauch@uuroanoke.org | Office: (540) 342-8888  
Office hours: Mon.– Thurs. 9 am–2 pm and Fri. 9 am–12 noon. Closed on all major holidays.

Bonnie Evans, LFD Administrator | bevans@uuroanoke.org  
Linda Wallis, Office Assistant | (540) 342-6214  
Beth Caruthers, GoodEnuf Choir Director | bethe0@yahoo.com

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