Upcoming Worship

September 2 - Guest Speaker; Rev. Dr. Robert D. Copenhaver
Thank you to our guest speaker Rev. Dr. John D Copenhaver, Professor Emeritus of Religion and Philosophy at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia. He is a Reconciling United Methodist, and a board member of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Please visit the following links:
https://rmnetwork.org/turningovertables/ and "Draw the Circle Wide"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=/pzUyGEDs0s

September 9 - "Our 2018-19 UUCR Ingathering and Renewal of Vows" RevAlex
We kick off our new church year today, celebrating Water Communion and a rebuilt kitchen! Our children will be starting their new Faith Development classes. Old UUCR Membership Books, miraculously recovered after years of being lost, will be on display. So too the 1954 UUCR Vision! Following our worship service, we'll be opening the gifts made in support of all the kitchen renewal. Cake will be served! Come, Come to share in gladness!

September 16 - "Atonement" RevAlex
The old Buddhist notion of nirvana underlies today's service. And the historical challenge of Judaism's most sacred holiday, Yom Kippur, is brilliant overlayer. We gather together in worship on this Sunday towards challenging ourselves to blossom more fully.

September 23 - "Covenant - I" RevAlex
The promises we make and break, and remake, with one another are essential to the well-being of congregation. In today's service we remember our larger UU history of covenant making, and also revisit key pieces of our UUCR efforts to articulate, and live out, shared covenant.

September 30 - "Covenant - II" RevAlex
Today's service takes us deeper into exploration of what shared congregational covenant might bring our way, both in benefit and challenge. Come, Come, full of hope for all the great promise of our congregation!
from the Rev...

Historically, the religions of our world have had two primary reasons for being.

One is to be a place of healing for folk from the wounds life invariably inflicts upon us all. This first reason for being is in keeping with the comment, made by many at UUCR, that our congregation is “refuge”.

The second reason for being is to encourage transformation. The primary focus of this transformation is usually the self, but there’s always been hope and belief that through the changing of many selfs that the larger culture would also change.

The first reason for being of religion tends to keep a congregation focused inwardly. The second moves focus more towards the external, wise souls having understood throughout time that the proof of inward change is to be found through interactions with the external.

All of the world’s great religions have treasured resource, primarily stories, to aid their adherents in staying focused on these two possibilities of religion. So too does our Unitarian Universalism. And in our more vibrant UU congregations, these two possibilities of religion are raised up, again and again, in the hope that members and friends of the congregation are self-assessing towards discerning if each possibility is happening in their lives in the congregation.

Over all the 2018-19 UUCR church year, I encourage you to keep asking two questions:
1. Is healing happening amongst us, and especially for those most in need?
2. Am I being transformed? Am I growing into greater fullness of being?

Many will come and go from a congregation without realizing either possibility of religion in their life.
Our most vibrant congregations do all possible to encourage more and more to realize both possibilities.

Blessings be with you in your quest to ever realize more from our great faith, our beloved Unitarian Universalism. Much heart, RevAlex

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September Birthdays...

Michael Adams, Suzanne Selliars, Zac Cates, Karen Stamper, James Rosar, Nancy Brattain, Hugh Wells, Jeffrey Harkness, David Riley, Todd Hannabass, Alex Honeycutt, Heather Wainwright, Carol Hingular, Michael Gettings, Lynn Yales, Kim Duncan, Jim Broschart, Cy Dillon, Maxine Drewey, and Carol Via

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

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**Upcoming September Events**

*Submit your Service Auction Donations at the auction table in the Fellowship Hall after the service. The auction is Scheduled at UUCR on October 13, 2018. If you have any questions contact Sheri Bernath at sbernath@uuroanoke.org*

*You are invited to attend the Renewal of Vows & Our New Kitchen Grand Opening on September 9, 2018! You won't want to miss this event!*  

**Monday, September 3**  
All Day: Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day holiday  
6:00 pm: Tai Chi (Qigong and Taijiquan), Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, September 4**  
Noon: The Caring Committee meeting Olin   
6-8 pm: Board Executive Meeting

**Wednesday, September 5**  
6:00 pm: RE Writing Group, Olin  
7:00 pm: Choir practice, Sanctuary

**Thursday, September 6**  
12:30 pm: Men’s Group, Broker  
11:30 am: Women’s Group, Olin

**Saturday, September 8**  
2 pm: Liz Stone Memorial Service, UUCR

**Sunday, September 9**  
9:30 am: Living the Questions Class, Olin room  
11 am: Service, "Our 2018-19 UUCR In-gathering and Renewal of Vows" RevAlex  
12:30 pm: Diversity Action Group, Olin  
12:30 pm: Non-Theist with Amar Kumar, Sanctuary

**Monday, September 10**  
6:00 pm: Tai Chi (Qigong and Taijiquan), Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm: Good Enuf Choir Practice, Olin

**Wednesday, September 12**  
7:00 pm: Choir practice, Sanctuary

**Thursday, September 13**  
12:30 pm: Men's Group, Olin  
6 pm: Connections Team Meeting, Olin

**Friday, September 14**  
6:30 pm: Earth Friendly Friday, Social Time, UUCR  
7 pm: Earth Friendly Friday, The Solar Patriot with Erik Curren

**Saturday, September 15**  
7 pm: Dances of Universal Peace, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, September 16
9:30 am Living the Questions Class, Olin
11 am Service; “Atonement” RevAlex
Noon All Church Potluck | sponsored by Action Advocates and Connections Team, Fellowship Hall
Bring a favorite dish or desserts to share, great opportunity for fellowship. All are welcome!
2 pm Singing Circle, Sanctuary

Monday, September 17
6 pm Tai Chi (Qigong and Taijiquan), Fellowship Hall
6 pm Good Enuf Choir Practice, Olin

Tuesday, September 18
6:30 pm UUCR Board Meeting, Open to All, Olin

Wednesday, September 19
Noon Staff/Sunday Worship meeting, Olin
6 pm RE Writing Group, Olin
7:00 pm Choir practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 20
11:30 am Women’s Group, Olin
12:30 pm Men’s Group, Broker

Sunday, September 23
9:30 am Living the Questions Class, Olin
11 am Service; “Covenant - I” RevAlex
3 pm Concert Across America, Sanctuary (see info below)

Monday, September 24
6 pm Tai Chi (Qigong and Taijiquan), Fellowship Hall
6 pm Good Enuf Choir Practice, Olin

Tuesday, September 25
6 pm Adult RE: Monthly Discussion Group, The Sun Magazine
6:30 pm SMC - Shared Ministry Committee, Broker

Wednesday, September 26
7:00 pm Choir practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 27
12:30 pm Men’s Group, Olin

Saturday, September 29
9 am – 4 pm Board Fall Retreat, CoLab in Grandin
All Day Choir members travel to NC for Choir Festival

Sunday, September 30
9:30 am Living the Questions Class, Olin
11 am Service: “Covenant - II” RevAlex
All Day Choir members travel to NC for Choir Festival

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 or write to Alan aMoore@uuroanke.org for Faith Development or Megan at mbrauch@uuroanke.org for other areas.
UUCR Volunteers in September

September 2 | No Re Sunday
Worship Associates  Cy Dillon and Anna Tulou-Orr
Life Lines          Sally Garber
A/V                Betsy Biesenbach
Head Usher         Michael Gettings
Lead Greeter       Nancy Brattain

September 9 | Grand Opening of the Kitchen!
Life Lines          Judie Lallmang
A/V                Adam Honeycutt
Head Usher         Jim Overholser
Lead Greeter       Chris Yates
Coffee             James Rosar
Kitchen            Sally Garber
Recycling          Bob Egbert

September 16
Life Lines          Linda Wallis
A/V                Adam Honeycutt
Head Usher         Bruce Stewart and Barbara Horton
Lead Greeter       Judy Robertson
Coffee             James Rosar
Kitchen            Kitty Schear
Recycling          Judy Nelson

September 23
Life Lines          Jane Harrison
A/V                Betsy Biesenbach
Head Usher         Henry Woodward and Anne Perrin
Lead Greeter       Suzi Newton
Coffee             Pam Yates
Kitchen            Mary Harshfield
Recycling          Judy Robertson

September 30
Life Lines          Sally Garber
A/V                David Perry
Head Usher         Alice Davis
Lead Greeter       Lydia Woerner
Coffee             James Rosar
Kitchen            Pam Yates
Recycling          Lorraine Fleck
Lifespan Faith Development News
Creator help us to move forward in beauty together as one.

Adult Faith Development

9:30 am, Sundays: Living the Questions, Olin Room
Adult Religious Education class meets on Sundays before the worship service. We will begin the Fall Semester on September 9th with a discussion of Thich Nhat Hahn’s book The Art of Living. For more information, contact Gene Edmunds at gene.edmunds@gmail.com

6:00-8:00 pm, Wednesday, September 5th: Writing Group
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. We meet every other Wednesday in the Olin Room. Any writing style is welcome - haiku, poetry, short story, essay. For more information, contact Anna Tulou Orr at annatulou@gmail.com.

9:30-11:00 am, Saturday, September 8th: Fall Teacher Training (rescheduled)
We will review Children’s RE programs, policies, and procedures and plan the Fall classroom schedules. All new volunteers should participate. Training is optional for previous volunteers but please send in your proposed Sunday schedules before training begins.

Ongoing Events

Watch for announcements!
9:30 am, Sundays: Living the Questions Adult Religious Education class, Olin Room
11:00 am, Sundays: Children’s Religious Education classes
12:30 pm, Sundays: YRUU High School youth group
12:30 pm, 2nd Sundays: Non-Theist Group
3:00 pm, 3rd Sundays: Community Singing Circle
6:00 pm, Mondays: Tai Chi (Qigong and Taijiquan)
6:30 pm, 3rd Tuesdays; Movie night
6:00 Pm, every other Wednesday: Writer’s Group
12:30 pm, Thursdays: Men’s group
11:30 pm, 1st & 3rd Thursdays: Women’s Group
6:30 pm, 2nd Fridays: Earth Friendly Fridays.
7:00 pm, 3rd Saturdays: Dances of Universal Peace
Fall Religious Education - Begins September 9, 2018

We will have special materials prepared for registered kids on the first day, so please be sure to register so you don't miss out! 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/SfFkcwOxz8iBL0dF2

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Children’s RE

11:00 am Sundays

Chalice Children (pre-K)
Story books and crafts help introduce young children to basic concepts of religion and Unitarian Universalism in the context of our home and traditions at Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

Picture Book Religions (grades K-2)
Using picture books and fun, meaningful activities for teaching young children about religious stories with a UU perspective, sourced from two great curriculum: Picture Book World Religions and Picture Book Bible Tales. The stories illustrate concepts such as the value of wisdom and loyalty in Hinduism, the importance of family in Islam, and the practice of compassion for all living beings in Buddhism.

Holidays and Holy Days (grades 3-5)
A newly revised version of an old favorite. A celebration every Sunday, kids progress through the year’s religious calendar, learning about, practicing, and honoring holiday traditions from many cultures.
Building Bridges (grades 6-8)
A yearlong exploration of the
diversity of faiths in our
neighborhood. Kids spend a week or
two focusing on a major faith
tradition, followed by a visit to a
local example of that faith
community. Religious explorers of
all ages are invited to join the youth
on these Out of Church Experiences.

Younger kids receive loving care in our Nursery

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High School youth group
Weekly meetings resume on September 9th from 12:30-2:30 pm with our Planning Pizza Party

All children and youth must be registered to participate in RE programs

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Concert Across America
September 23rd at 2:00 pm | the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke

UUCR will host Concert Across America. The mission of the “Concert Across America” is to remember the tremendous loss of life that gun violence has cost our communities. This concert is being organized in Roanoke by Julee Hickcox and Kerry Morgiewicz. Joining us will be members of the Southwest Virginia Ballet Company, Roanoke Children’s Theatre, local musicians, and other members of our community. If you would like to come as an observer we would love to have you. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information please check concertacrossamerica.org.

The Green Team’s Earth Friendly Friday presents...

UUCR Sanctuary, Sept. 14, 2018 – Social time, 6:30 (snacks welcome)  Program, 7:00

The Solar Patriot

In the spirit of 1776, The Solar Patriot aims to recruit ordinary citizens as champions for homegrown, all-American clean energy. If you think that solar power should become America’s top energy source, and you’d like to help make it happen, then this is the book you’ve been waiting for.

Even if you don’t have solar panels on your own roof, The Solar Patriot will give you ideas to join the revolution to free America from the tyranny of fossil fuels and make our nation cleaner, safer and more prosperous. Enlist now!

Erik Curren, author of The Solar Patriot, is a long-time advocate for clean energy and other solutions to fight climate change. Since 2010 he’s run the Curren Media Group, which offers marketing services to solar companies. He’s also served on City Council in Staunton since 2012. Erik is a history buff and sees many parallels between America’s fight for political freedom in 1776 and today’s battle of climate patriots against fossil fuel tyrants for clean energy independence. Erik and his wife, Lindsay, also a history buff, love exploring Virginia’s old houses, restored towns and battlefields. They live in a 1910-era home in downtown Staunton, and have two grown daughters.

Green Team organizer & contact: Bob Egbert canyonlake76@gmail.com
Connections Team

September 16 | All church potluck after the service | All are welcome!
Bring a favorite dish or desserts to share, great opportunity for fellowship.

Connections Team fosters relationships with our visitors, friends, and members to enhance their UU experience. Contact Nancy Brattain at nbrattain@cox.net. 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.

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Living the Questions Class

The Living the Questions class will begin a study of Thich Nhat Hanh's book "The Art of Living" on September 9th. We meet in the Olin room on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Please order your own book and join us for a life changing study. All are welcome.

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Women's Group at UUCR

Due to increased participation there will now be two women's groups. Meetings are twice monthly 11:30 to 1:30. If you're interested in learning more, contact Bonnie Nelson (588-1452). We laugh, cry, learn a lot, but best of all get to know each other.

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Reading Seeds would like to Thank everyone that came out on Friday, August 17 to the Friction Farm Concert in support of our program. Your support raised @ $500! We thank Marc Nevin for coordinating the event.

Reading Seeds has T-shirts for sale for $10. Please email mbrauch@uuroanoke.org if interested in purchasing a T-Shirt to support Reading Seeds.

If you have any questions about what can be donated or how to help email readingsseeds@uuroanoke.org or visit our website under Community Outreach.
Feeling inspired to contribute to the
The m & m Fund?

Just make your check payable to the UUCR Endowment and indicate “m & m Fund” in the memo line.

For more information, please contact any of the Endowment Trustees or Margie Garber, chair of the m & m Fund Committee at margiegarber@yahoo.com.

Ministering to our congregation.
Extending our mission beyond our church walls into our community.

Do you have a great idea or dream for how you/we could do those things?
Do you have a vision and plan for how it could happen?
Does your idea just need funding to get started or to see fruition?

The Mission and Ministry Fund was created to make those dreams and ideas into reality. The Fund’s focus is to start critical and urgent projects, to sustain us or that we feel called to spread into the world.

The m & m Fund was started with an initial donation of $100,000 with the understanding that the fund would distribute 7% of its principal annually to projects that have a ministry and/or mission focus. In its inaugural year, until it is increased with future donations, the Fund has a maximum of $7,000 to distribute.

Funding programs for:
Education • Environment • Music Ministry
Membership • Hunger Relief • Legal Services
Fellowship • Social Justice • More!

The committee charged with stewardship of the Fund has determined that this year’s $5,000+ will be distributed in one application period.

Bring your hopes, dreams, visions, aspirations into focus, reduce the details to words, and complete an application.

Submissions are due to the church office by Sunday, October 14, 2018 at noon.

Please know that all the ideas and dreams improve and sustain us even if they do not get funded; so long as we can see and dream for the future, we have a future.
Joys and Concerns

Liz Stone -
The memorial service for Liz Stone will be held at UUCR on Saturday, September 9 at 2 pm. Liz was a long time member of UUCR and the founder of Planned Parenthood in Roanoke. Please hold family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Ellen Munger -
Ellen was hospitalized last Thursday, August 23 due to some intestinal issues but has been released and sent home to recuperate on Saturday, August 25.

Mary Boenke -
Mary broke several bones from results of a fall. She is doing fairly well and her husband, John is taking good care of her while she recovers.

Linda Wood -
Linda is happy to announce the birth of her third grandson and fourth grandchild, Benjamin Thomas CsoKasy on August 18 in Lake Wylie, S.C. Benjamin has been in the NICU with breathing problems. Prayers and positive energy would be appreciated.

In the Community

UUCR Members Serve at RAM HOUSE
RAM 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 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
Thanks to all who participated in the Pack A Snack school supplies fundraiser! 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.
Megan MBrauch@UUroanoke.org

RevAlex Richardson
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The minister can meet by appointment Sunday - Wednesday.

Rev. Kirk Ballin, Minister Emeritus of UUCR
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Alan can meet by appointment.

Alan Moore, Director of Lifespan Faith Development
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Alan can meet by appointment.

Kerry Morgiewicz, Music Director
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