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Message from Our Minister Rev. Pam Philips

What does it mean to be a people of blessing?

That's the question that our worship theme of the month asks. It's a particularly interesting question for us as Unitarian Universalists, especially those who don't believe in a higher power. If we think of blessing as "God's favor and protection," then the word doesn't have much meaning for those who don't believe in God.

However, blessings don't require belief in a deity. Think of the advice to "count your blessings." When we count our blessings, we acknowledge all the goodness that has come into our lives, no matter where it comes from. This past year at UUC has left me with so many blessings to count that I could fill this whole newsletter, let alone the front page. Jamie and I feel blessed to have been welcomed so completely by the congregation, and the installation service we celebrated in April served as a public recognition of the gratitude I feel every day to be serving as your minister. Likewise, the children we dedicated, the youth who bridged into young adulthood, and the new members we recognized in May represent all the wonderful people who make up and bless this congregation.



This month, we are blessed with opportunities to engage with each other and the larger community. Our first Sunday service in June will be the annual Flower Communion—a multi-generational celebration of the beauty of our community. This year we'll be handing out small vials for you to collect water from some special summer activity—from swimming pools, rivers, lakes, oceans, or puddles—to bring back in August for our other annual UU ritual—Water Communion. Even if you don't leave the New River Valley, plenty of summertime activities beckon, including outdoor concerts, arts festivals, and special celebrations like [Juneteenth](#) (sponsored by the NAACP) and the [Summer Solstice Fest](#), both on **June 16**.

Nearer the end of the month, I'll be travelling to Kansas City, Missouri to the UUA [General Assembly](#). I look forward to time with colleagues and friends, workshops, lectures, and worship. For those who have attended GA in the past, you know the exhilaration of singing favorite hymns along with thousands of other UUs—truly a blessing. I encourage all who are interested to [attend GA virtually](#) by watching online coverage. I especially recommend the worship services and the [Ware Lecture](#), this year given by **Brittany Packnett**, "a leader at the intersection of culture and justice." If you want to watch live, remember that the times are all Central Daylight Savings Time (one hour earlier than Blacksburg).

If we take the time to count them, we will surely find that we **are** a people of blessing! We will explore other ways to think about what it means to give and receive blessings in our Sunday services, but I also encourage you to open your eyes, mind, and heart to recognize the blessings of each day throughout the month of June.

With gratitude,

Rev. Pam



Rev. Pam will be taking study leave **June 4-8** and will be in Kansas City, MO **June 18-24** for Ministry Days and General Assembly. She will respond to emails as time allows.

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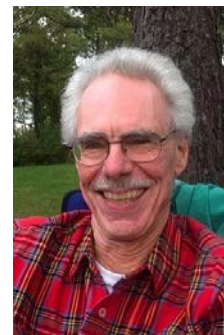
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Message from Our President

Tim Pickering



What an amazing and eventful year this has been! I am pleased and honored to have been a part of it as your President. The biggest task facing the Board this year was to help and support our new settled minister, Rev. Pam Philips, as she began her journey with us. The Board and the Executive Committee have found her very easy to work with throughout the year. And from all indications, the congregation has been delighted with the energy and leadership Pam has brought to us. We have much to look forward to in the years to come.

Another major accomplishment was the introduction of our new website, a major improvement over the old one. At times I wondered if it was ever going to happen, but the results were worth the wait. Many thanks to Lisa, Karen, Pam, Arthur Snoke, and especially Kelly Eagan for the time and effort that went into this project.

Our Stewardship Campaign resulted in a new record for number of pledging units and raised quite a bit more than last year. We are still a bit short of our fundraising goal but will find a way to make things work out. And there is still time to respond to our 3% challenge if you have not already done so.

We have also continued our vibrant social justice activities/ministries. Mental Health Justice Ministry continues to expand and provide support to the broader community in a variety of ways. A recent success was the establishment of a NAMI chapter in the NRV. Our Anti-Racism effort recently held the first of the two-part *Living the Pledge* workshop to explore ways we can more effectively pursue the goal of ending racism in our country. The Environmental/Climate Change Justice team sponsored an informative series of films exploring various environmental issues, each followed by a discussion with a knowledgeable facilitator. They are also pursuing a renewal of our Green Sanctuary certification.

In just a few days we will hold our Annual Meeting. The Leadership Development Committee has given us a slate of candidates for office with an impressive range of talents, skills and experience. The new Board will now face the challenge of finding creative new ways to advance the cause of liberal religion in the NRV and beyond. I am sure that incoming President, Ellen Plummer, will have lots of ideas for the Board to consider in addressing this goal. So be on your toes!

My experience has been that while Board service can be challenging at times, it has also been quite rewarding. There is still much that we can accomplish as a congregation. There are many opportunities for service and for ministry. I urge everyone to pursue their interests and ambitions in a way that suits them best. You will be surprised at how good it makes you feel to be a part of something bigger.

In closing, I want to thank my fellow Board members for your support throughout the year.



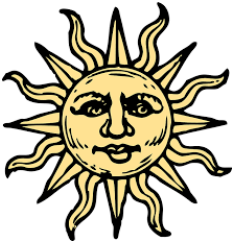
Upcoming Events

UUC Annual Meeting

All members are asked to attend our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, **June 3** immediately following the service. We will elect new Board members and vote on 1) the budget for 2018-19 and on 2) providing financial support for the UUA BLUU (Black Lives of UUism) effort. NOTE: Although not in the letter members received, we will also be voting to continue the social justice focus on the environment and climate change following a report on this past year's activities. If you cannot attend the annual meeting, please be sure to get your proxy, included in your letter, to a member to ensure a quorum. Childcare available.

All information, including a proxy form, can also be found on our [website](#).

Summer Solstice Celebration



EarthSpirit Sisters will celebrate the Summer Solstice at Karen Baker's home in Pilot on Friday, **June 22** starting at 7 PM (rain date **June 28**). Partners are invited as well, and dinner will be served. This is not a potluck, so we need to know if you are

planning to attend at least a week in advance for dinner preparations. For more information, directions, or to reserve your seat, contact [Karen B.](#)

Save the Date— UUC Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, **April 13, 2019**

Seeking organizers, cooks/chefs, gourmets/eaters. Contact [Franklyn Moreno](#) to help or for more info.

Annual Goods & Services Auction

Save the date for UUC's 2018 Service Auction on Saturday, **October 27** at 5 PM. This year's theme is **Halloween**. Join us as we gather to have loads of fun at our 28th annual service auction while raising funds to support our annual budget. The children will have their own fun-filled party expertly planned by Rachel Craine. The [auction website](#) is up so watch for info on when it's time to enter your exciting, community-enhancing offerings. Questions? Want to help? Contact auction co-chairs, Joe and [Linda Powers](#) or watch for announcements about the next committee meeting.



Women's Lunch

All women are invited to lunch together on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month to enjoy good food and fellowship. On Friday, **June 1**, we gather at *Al's on First* in Pulaski starting at 11:30 AM. Contact [Cynthia](#) to car pool. On Friday, **June 15**, gather at *Zoe's Kitchen* in First & Main Shopping Center, Blacksburg at 11:45 AM.

Two Mental Health Support Groups at UUC

On Monday, **June 18** at 6 PM, our two community mental health support groups will meet at UUC. One group is designed for those with a mental health illness themselves, and the other group is for family and friends of those with a mental illness. Both are facilitated by professionals from Community Services. All are welcome. Contact [Margo Walter](#) for more info.

Second-Sunday Potluck

Everyone is invited to enjoy lunch together following the service on **June 10**. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people while sharing a delicious meal. This month, if your last name begins with **En-Hap**, bring a beverage; **Lan-Z** bring a main dish; **A-Em and Har-Lam** bring a side dish or dessert. Don't forget your list of the ingredients in your dish to assist those with food allergies. Please be sure to bring a **LARGE DISH** as there are many mouths to feed and to be considerate of those at the end of the line that are also hungry.



As always, bring your non-perishable food donations (canned meats, fruits, vegetables, macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, sugar, etc.) for the [Interfaith Food Pantry](#). The donation basket is in the lobby just outside the Sanctuary.

Lifespan Faith Development

June 2018



**Begins Sunday,
June 10 at 10 AM**

Padawans in grades K-5 are invited to join our Jedi Masters on Sundays this summer.

Please note that due to security protocols in the Republic, no weapons are allowed at the Academy.

May the Force be with you!

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| June 10 | Padawan Initiation |
| June 17 | The Story of Star Wars: The Light and the Dark Side |
| June 24 | Red Lightsabers: The Jedi's Lightsaber |

PreK Sunday Funday

Preschoolers have their own RE program each Sunday morning. Bring a toy to share as we play together and enjoy a story. Ages 3 - rising kindergarteners.

Those moving to the PreK room this fall are invited to join Sunday Funday this summer to begin the transition. Parents are welcome to stay as needed to help with the transition.



Multi-gen Flower Service **June 3**—no RE

Summer Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi returns this summer to UUC!

Bruce Cantrell, long-time instructor in the Senior Program at the Blacksburg Community Center, has once again generously offered to teach a free Tai Chi (Temple Style) class at UUC.

"Introduction to Temple Style Tai Chi" will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-11 AM in Elarth Hall. The class runs **June 12-July 19**.

This free class is open to all ages and all skill levels.

For additional information on Temple Style Tai Chi, visit Bruce's website at www.sadasae.com.



On-Going Adult RE Programs

Anti-Racism Discussion Group

Meets the second & fourth Wednesday afternoons at 1:15 PM or Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM

All are welcome to join our ongoing discussion group on white privilege and racism. Topics are announced via email. [Email Karen Hager](mailto:karen.hager@uuc.org) to join the listserv to receive links to the discussion articles.

Meditation Group

Meets Tuesdays 7-8 PM

Our meditation group meets weekly for those interested in starting or deepening their meditation practice. Our format is drop-in, so you need not attend all sessions. Open with centering words and basic instruction, followed by sitting practice. Meditators from all traditions and all levels of experience are welcome.



Conversations on Our Faith

Meets Wednesdays 12-1 PM

Bring your lunch and join our conversation as we read our current book, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson. All are welcome, even if you have not read the chapters of the book under discussion. Group members share their insights and personal experiences, and all thoughts and opinions are welcome. To learn more, contact [Tim Pickering](mailto:tim.pickering@uuc.org).



Environmental Justice Film Series

Friday, June 1, 7-9 pm

Free and open to the community.

UUC Community News

Update on 1/2-Plate Donations

Thanks to your generosity, UUC continued its practice of helping others in both our community and beyond. The May recipients and amounts donated were:

May 6: Southern Poverty Law Center, \$410

May 13: Women's Resource Center, \$282

May 20: Campaign 32, \$280

May 27: Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation, \$230

Watch the weekly announcements and website for the coming weeks' 1/2-plate recipients. Have a suggestion—fill out the form in Elarth Hall and place in the lantern or email [Lisa](#).

Envirobots from Our Environmental Justice Team

Byphenol A or BPA, an industrial chemical from the 1960's, is a hard and clear plastic. BPA was used as an epoxy lining in canned food and drinks, baby bottles and sippy cups, and water supply lines.

Researchers discovered that BPA could be a cause of the development of prostate and breast cancer, hyperactivity in children, and increase the risk of miscarriages. It was found that heating the plastic products resulted in leaching of the chemical into foods.

After the results of research became known, BPA was no longer used in baby bottles, baby formula, and toys. It's still used in other products.

You can ...

- * Use fresh and frozen foods instead of canned goods
- * Use products packaged in glass or lined cardboard
- * Use stainless steel or glass water bottles
- * Store food in glass or ceramic containers
- * When you heat food in a microwave, take food out of any plastic container, remove plastic covers and place in a plate or bowl

This information was taken from FDA papers and EcoWatch Transforming Green.

May Board Mtg. Update

- ♦ A task force will be formed this summer to take a building inventory.
- ♦ The ante-room will be renovated over the summer with a focus on storage needs.
- ♦ Updates to the LFD policy manual were unanimously approved and will be available on our website.
- ♦ Chris Eagan (Chair), Meredith Hundley, and Joe Powers were approved to serve on the Finance Committee. Sandy Powers will be an *ex officio* member.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, **June 14** at 7 PM. The [minutes and reports](#) of meetings for the past two calendar years are available.

Questions, Ideas, Complaints for the Board:
Simply send an email to addresstheBoard@uucnr.org.

2018 Pledge Campaign Comes to a Close

The very successful 2018-19 UUC pledge drive has ended with a record **158 pledges** received for a total of **\$306,656!** We are grateful to all who pledged to support the congregation financially. Many thanks also to the 29 pledgers who met the Board's challenge to increase pledges by 3%. If you plan to pledge or increase your pledge by 3% but have not done so yet, please email administrator@uucnr.org with that information.

We are all so appreciative of the hard work and effort of our Stewardship Committee members and stewards who put in many hours of work on the campaign.

UUC's parking lot will be resealed **June 6-9** with the exact dates not yet determined. Cars will not be permitted on the driveway for several days. If you are scheduled to meet at UUC during that time, you will need to park on Hardwood Dr. (make left from Gladewood Dr. just past UUC) and walk across the grass. Some meetings will most likely be canceled. Watch your email for more information.

Round the Grounds

The VT Big Event was a BIG EVENT AT UUC! More than 30 fun-loving and very capable young men from Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity were an inspiration to the 15 UUC workers who worked alongside them. As a starter, about 15 cubic yards of mulch were moved. Huge brush piles, the result of snowstorm damage, were moved to the curb for pick-up. UUC congregants donated food and dollars toward feeding the work force which greatly reduced expenses for the event. Thank you to all who helped and donated.



Woodland path

Birds have quickly found the 4 new wren birdhouses made by David Warner and have established nests in the houses or stuffed them with sticks. Have you found these 4 birdhouses? Hint: 2 are yellow and 2 are blue, and they are distributed throughout the grounds. Sally & Doug Pfeifer monitor the 8 bluebird boxes on the grounds and recently found the first box of the season with 4 bluebird eggs in it. Maybe we should set up a lottery for the hatching or fledging date!

The "plant give-away (sort of)" brought in \$252 in donations which was used to purchase new perennials and colorful annuals for containers and gardens, a hose replacement and a piece of garden art. Thank you to all who made donations for the plants received. Receipts for purchases are available for the inquisitive.

There were gasps of disbelief when one of the March snowstorms severely damaged 5 trees that ultimately had to be removed. Huge branches fell from trees as well. It took 7 chainsaws and 10 congregants (Tom Bube, Dick Luke, Walter Pirie, David Warner, Joe Powers, Gloria Heath, Seth Leonard, Linda Pfeiffer, Susan Baker, and George Lally) several weeks to clean up the damage. We love these helpers!

There are daily changes on the grounds which seem magical to those walking the Meditation Path or just relaxing on one of the chairs/benches and taking in the sounds and sights. Check out the woodland garden that is located above the crescent garden at the side entrance. The curvy woodland path features a variety of ferns and woodland plants.

The Grounds Ministry is heavily dependent on volunteer help (no surprise!) to care for our 6-acre property. Fifty-seven hours of service were logged in by 15 volunteers who worked on the pre-Big Event work day. Seventeen volunteers logged in 62 hours on the Big Event day itself. In addition, well over 290 work hours were logged from March 15-May 20 from the primary core Grounds Ministry workers – Joe Powers, Amanda Haynes, David Warner, Dean Mook, the Baker family, and the venerable George Lally. It takes a lot of hands and camaraderie to maintain the grounds. It's a ministry!

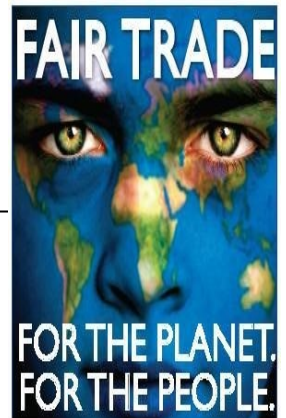
Grounds Ministry wish list: 1. Lawnmower and weed whacker maintenance; 2. Garden scissors; 3. Volunteer helpers (1-2 hours a month or more). Contact [Susan](#) or [George](#) for any of these requests.

Do You Enjoy Our Fairly-Traded Coffee on Sundays?



As most of you know, we have a collection jar out to pay for the delicious coffee that is served before and after Sunday services. Thank you to all those who faithfully contribute so

that we can continue this service. Keep in mind that our coffee is fairly traded in keeping with our UU principals. The coffee beans are roasted and ground by a local vendor. We are currently experiencing a slight deficit, **\$43.67**, in our coffee account. Next time you grab a cup of coffee or two, please consider dropping a dollar or two in the contribution jar. It would be really appreciated!



Meet Our Newest Members



Amy Becker served in the Air Force. She attended the Roanoke UU and came to us last fall. She joined the Choir and a Circle Supper. Amy works from home but is also a full-time nursing student at RU with a summer internship in Roanoke.

Stephen Henninger started attending UUC in January 2017 after moving to Blacksburg in July 2016 to begin working in Housing & Residence Life at VT. Stephen serves as a Student Life Coordinator for the Honors Residential Commons in East Ambler Johnston Hall, working to support students intellectual, personal, and professional development in the residential college. Stephen enjoys hiking and exploring beautiful Southwest Virginia. Further, Stephen has been enriched over the last 9 months serving as an advisor for YRUU.



David & Katie Hundley have been in the NRV for 2 ½ years after beginning their married life in Roanoke in 2011. Katie attended RU for her Master's in Counseling Education, so it was a "moving back" to the NRV for her. David & Katie live in Christiansburg with their son, William, age 2, two cats, and a dog. They have been attending UUC since Fall 2017 and feel they have found their spiritual home.

Meredith Hundley visited UUC several times when she moved to Blacksburg in 2010 to work on her PhD in Public Administration & Policy at VT and began attending regularly last summer after she (finally) finished her degree. She's since become active as a monthly song leader and member of the Choir, Quarterlifers, and a Circle Supper group. Meredith previously worked for VT before leaving in January 2018 to serve as Program Director for the Valleys Innovation Council, a nonprofit serving the New River and Roanoke Valleys. She lives in Christiansburg with Jason Cooper and their 2 cats, Ozzy and Octavia.



Stephanie Zick & Jon Petters came to UUC a year ago. After living apart for several years, they were thrilled to find faculty jobs together in Blacksburg in 2016. Jon works in research support in the VT libraries, and Stephanie is a professor in VT's Department of Geography. They are both active with the Quarterlifers. Additionally, Stephanie recently joined the Connections Committee, and Jon will be a substitute coffeemaker (recruited for his height!).

Derek Rountree & Brandie Lemmon found UUC late last year and are grateful to become part of the community. After Derek completed his PhD at VT, and Brandie obtained a degree in web design from RU, they decided that the NRV was a good place to raise their family. Their daughters, Delaney and McKinley enjoy greeting everyone on Sunday mornings and running around on the playground after services.





Unitarian Universalist Congregation Sunday Services June 2018

Services at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Hall
Religious Education Classes and Nursery Care
All are invited to share coffee & conversation following the service.

Theme for June: *Blessing*

June 3: Rev. Pam Philips with Worship Associate Jane Mahone, *Blessings of Community / Flower Communion*. Join us for one of the most beloved Unitarian Universalist rituals, invented in 1923 by Unitarian minister, Norbert Capek of Prague, Czechoslovakia, and now practiced by most UU congregations in the U.S. We'll celebrate the blessings of being in community with one another in a multi-generational service. Bring one flower for each person in your family to contribute to our communal bouquet. (Extra flowers will be available at the service.) UUC's Choir will sing at the service.

Members are requested to stay for the Annual Meeting following the service or to leave a proxy with another member.

June 10: Rev. Pam with Worship Associate Jim Kern, *Who Blesses Whom?* What does it mean to use language like "blessings" in a religious community that has strong strains of humanism and atheism? We'll consider how we might reframe and reclaim a language of reverence that is most often associated with much more conservative and orthodox faiths. UUC's Choir will sing at the service.

All are invited to our monthly potluck following the service.

June 17: Rev. Pam with Worship Associate Ellen Plummer, *The Blessings of Our Fathers*. On Father's Day, we'll take a look back at some of our Unitarian and Universalist "forefathers", and the legacy they have left us.

June 24: EarthSpirit Sisters with Worship Associate Victoria Taylor, *Celebrating Summer Solstice*. Members of UUC's EarthSpirit Sisters will lead us in a celebration of the Summer Solstice, marking the longest day of the year. Join us as we acknowledge the blessings of the warmth and light of the sun.

Our Mission

Inspire. Create. Transform.

Inspire spiritual and ethical growth. **Create** compassionate community. **Transform** our community and the world through courageous love.

Our Vision

UUC will be a beacon of liberal religion in the New River Valley. We will join with other organizations and faiths to work for just causes.

We will practice generosity and radical hospitality. We will be known as a place of beauty, welcome, joy, and celebration.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
(All Sundays) 10:00 AM Worship Service & Children's RE (No RE on June 3: multi-generational service)	(All Mondays) 7:00 AM Women's & Men's Breakfast at <i>Panera Bread</i> (Bburg)	(All Tuesdays) ⌘ 7:00 Meditation	(All Wednesdays) ⌘ Noon Conversations on Our Faith 5:30 Yoga	(all Thursdays) 7:30 Adult Children of Alcoholics Support Group	1 ⌘ 11:30 AM Women's Lunch Bunch: <i>Al's on First</i> (Pulaski) ⌘ 7:00 Environmental Justice Film Series: <i>Chasing Coral</i>	2 9:00 AM <i>Living the Pledge</i>
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