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**UUCGT Board Meeting**

Monday, June 11  
5:30 pm

## JUNE SERVICES

### **JUNE Theme: Draw the Circle Wide**

*“All have their worth and each contributes to the worth of the others.”*

- J.R.R. Tolkien

#### **Sunday, June 3 - Rabbi Chava Bahle, Andi Kramer**

#### **10:30 AM Service: “A Roundtable of Transcendentalists”**

Bringing our Transcendentalist series to a close, we are proud to host a gathering of the Transcendentalists themselves! This brief service, prior to the UUCGT Annual Meeting, will wrap up the exquisite work, ideas and poetry we have enjoyed over the previous month.

#### **Sunday, June 10 - Rabbi Chava Bahle, Hal Gurian**

#### **9:00 AM: Program Council**

#### **10:30 AM Service: “All are Called”**

This year's UUA General Assembly theme is “All are Called.” Who and how are we called to be at this time - individually and collectively? How are we called to act and to live? How does our Unitarian Universalist legacy strengthen us in living out our mission? In what ways does our legacy present challenges and impediments to answering our call?

#### **Sunday, June 17 - Rabbi Chava Bahle, Amanda Mangiardi**

#### **10:30 AM Service: “Father’s Day and Flower Communion”**

Join in a beloved Unitarian custom of the Flower Communion. Bring a flower to share – one you have grown, purchased, or found by the side of the road – and take one home. This tradition dates from the 19<sup>th</sup> century and is a wonderful way to honor fathers.

#### **Sunday, June 24 - Rabbi Chava Bahle**

#### **10:00 AM — NOTE SPECIAL START TIME - 10:00 AM this week only**

#### **Live Stream Worship from the UUA General Assembly**

A magical opportunity to join thousands of UUs from all over the world for the closing worship of the General Assembly in Kansas City. Great music and preaching and a chance to experience the World UU community. This is also Pride Week and we invite you to wear as many colors of the rainbow as you can!

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## JULY SERVICES

### **JULY Theme: Five Things We Cannot Change and the Happiness We Find by Embracing Them**

*The theme is based on a book by David Richo.*

*This month we will look at the peace and happiness we can find when we embrace some simple realities of life.*

*You might enjoy reading the book a chapter per week in July to enhance your worship experience.*

#### **Sunday, July 1 - Rabbi Chava Bahle, Margaret Wozniak**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "Everything Changes"**

How do we find wisdom when everything changes? What is the center when we realize everything changes? How can we joyously embrace the waves of day to day life?

#### **Sunday, July 8 - Rabbi Chava Bahle**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "But That's Not What I Planned!"**

Things don't always go according to plan – learning to dance with life's unexpected twists and turns can make adventure out of the unexpected.

#### **Sunday, July 15 - Rabbi Chava Bahle**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "Life is Not Always Fair "**

Is there justice? What do we do when life is not always fair? If we believe we can "give life the shape of justice," what do we do when life is not just?

#### **Sunday, July 22 - Rabbi Chava Bahle**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "Pain is a Part of Life"**

Pain is inevitable, suffering is optional.

#### **Sunday, July 29 - Rabbi Chava Bahle**

#### **10:30 AM Service: "People are Not Perfect"**

People are not perfect. We frustrate and even sometimes hurt one another. Learning to accept each other as we are, and to forgive, over and over again, is one of the great spiritual practices of living a worldly life.

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## **ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

The Annual Meeting of the UUCGT Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd, beginning at noon.

In preparation for this meeting, your Board has e-mailed or mailed each member a packet of information including an agenda, a slate of proposed candidates for the Board, Leadership Development Committee and Endowment Committee, together with copies of an important By-law change that is set for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

If you have not received your packet, either digitally or by surface mail, contact Karl Love or Kay Sturgeon.



## Rabbi's Reflection

As another UUCGT programming year draws to a close, I pause to reflect on what we have accomplished together in the past twelve months. Above all, I think about what I call the “sacred book” of our community – our joys and concerns. We have had many meaningful public “successes” this past year, but what makes us a community is the compassion with which we hold each other’s moments of happiness and sorrow.

We have said goodbye to beloveds, we have welcomed new friends. We have faced illness and loss, and lifted up the achievements of our children. It is here, in the interconnected web of our day to day experiences that we are a community.

We have said throughout this year that our congregation exists to care, to share and to repair the world: to learn about self care and to care for one another, to share the journey through learning, worship, service and socializing, and to repair the world with good works. Nowhere is this more evident than when all three of

these combine in the “little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love,” in Wordsworth’s phrase, that are the best portion of our lives.

I look forward to a joyous Summer with all of you, and when things are not joyous, we will still stand with one another – caring, sharing and repairing, hand in hand.

As society seems to become more fragmented and individuated, congregational life becomes more important. In the year ahead we will be doing some creative thinking about how to take congregational life outside the walls of our own building and to the larger community, and particularly to Millennials and Gen Xers where they meet. I believe we have something meaningful to offer – a sense of meaning and belonging based on our UU values.

Thank you for the many moments of holiness and goodness of this past year, and I look forward to a new year, together –

**In blessing –  
Rabbi Chava**

## UUA and Denominational News from Rabbi Chava

June is GA Month! UUCGT will have two great opportunities to connect with the General Assembly. Our June 10 Sunday Service will take the UUA GA theme and explore it through our local lens: how are we as a congregation called? How are we called individually and collectively?

Then, on Sunday, June 24 we will join GA through the magic of technology. The General Assembly will be live-streaming the magnificent closing worship of the gathering. We will join in from 10 AM to 11:30 AM in our sanctuary. (Yes, we have a back-up plan!)

One more note: please take a moment to leaf through the new UU World magazine. There are some great looking books coming out for recommended UU Summer reading.

**Biv'rachot/In Blessing -  
Rabbi Chava Bahle**

## All About Us - Congregational Care Team

### We hold in our hearts:

Paula Ward still appreciates all the cards and notes she receives, and we are happy to see her when she can make it to Sunday Services. Be sure to call ahead if you plan to visit...Paul also appreciates knowing ahead of time.

We are happy to see Jack Thole also back at Sunday Services, and he also appreciates calls or visits as he recovers from his heart attack.

Pinkie Hoffmann underwent a biopsy on Tuesday, 5/26. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Lauren Keinath is scheduled for a new knee on June 4. We wish her a speedy recovery.

### We are also mindful of those at home in care of families or others:

Peg Kauffman, Anne Olney, Nancy Landfair and Karen Culp. They would all enjoy a call or visit. Carol Still has now moved to Culver Meadows AFC Home.

### We also share in the joy of:

We are proud to have our own Emmy Lou Cholak awarded the annual Sara Hardy Humanitarian Service Award. It is a well deserved recognition for all that Emmy Lou does for the broader community and for UUCGT!

We also congratulate the many graduates, family and friends as they celebrate their achievements and move on to the next journey in their lives!

**Judith Briggs, CCT Member**  
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## COMMUNITY NEEDS QUARTERLY REPORT

Thanks to the generosity of our UU Community, it is with great pleasure that we were able to award the following donations to so many organizations. Our 'theme' this time was *Summer Camps for Kids*, and while a couple of organizations didn't exactly fit under that umbrella, great stuff is happening because of their efforts!

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Easling Pool Renovation Fund       | \$ 1,000  |
| 2. Reining Liberty Ranch              | 800 (Summer programs for a broad base of youth with particular needs)   |
| 3. Child & Family Services/Angel Fund | 500 (Summer camps for youth in Foster Care)   |
| 4. The Dream Team                     | 500 (Summer baseball for children with disabilities) <a href="http://dreamteamtraversecity.com">dreamteamtraversecity.com</a> |
| 5. NW Michigan Health Services        | 500 (sunscreen and sunglasses for field workers, dental exams and physicals)  |
| 6. TC State Theater                   | 500 (support for their ongoing commitment to provide free venues for our community)   |
| 7. GT County Commission on Aging      | 200 (fans for seniors)  |
| 8. NMC Food Pantry                    | 300   |



# Membership News

**JUNE - Is Glorious!** Blooming Spring ephemerals and bulbs have given way in the heat of the sun, and summer perennials continue emerging as they march to their Summer showiness!

**Greetings from the entire FUN and FRIENDLY Membership Team** - Volunteer members Sherry Davis, John and Pinkie Hoffmann, Sue Pyne, Chris Walter, Rick Walter, and Jane Watts — who continue to Welcome, Greet, Facilitate into membership, and Nurture (in Partnership with other groups at UUCGT) prospective, new and current members.

Rabbi Chava reminded us one recent Sunday about the importance of **WELCOMING!** In the tradition and spirit of long-time member John Ort - *the First, most Welcoming and Friendly person Rick and I encountered when we first walked into UUCGT in June 2014* - Chava encouraged each of us to take to heart the importance and meaning of Welcoming people as not only as they enter our space on Sunday mornings, but during fellowship time in the Social Hall. You, too, can be that special Welcoming conduit to **new and current members and visitors** alike when you volunteer to be a Greeter.

**BE A GREETER MINISTRY** - Please share your smile and Welcoming Spirit. It's easy - just sign up on the bulletin board near the office. Greet just one Sunday, or sign up for a regular or semi-regular shift. Job description is posted on the bulletin board, but simply requires you to:

- 1) Smile
- 2) Say "Welcome" - "Glad you're here" - "How are you?"
- 3) Hand out Order of Service
- 4) Count attendees
- 5) Help with offering

**Many Thanks to May Greeters:** Abbie Innes, Chris Lautz, Joy Platteborze, Karen Puffer and Beth Strawbridge.

## Program Council News - April 2018

The Program Council met May 13th with 12 members in attendance. Individual committee members reported on activities over the last month.

Lauren Keinath updated us on the progress of the Landscaping Committee and a variety of scheduled dates for meandering path clean-up, planting of annuals around the entrance sign, lilac pruning demonstration and three designated areas which volunteer teams are taking responsibility for trimming and beautification.

Mike McDonald reviewed the results of the Stewardship Drive and resulting decreases in income and thus cuts necessary in the budget for 2018-2019.

Jane Fochtman reported that \$4300 was distributed by Community Needs this quarter to 8 non-profits mostly focused on the theme "Summer is for Kids".

### WELCOME TABLE

Welcoming first-time attenders, encouraging Name Tag and Welcome Registry sign-up, and sharing information about UUCGT and UUA is what we do every Sunday. Many thanks to Sherry Davis, John and Pinkie Hoffmann, and Rick and Chris Walter. And thank you to JoLynn Paige, pianist and VE member, who graciously steps in and warmly welcomes visitors at the Welcome Table occasionally.

### MEMBERSHIP TEAM UPDATES

We are committed to sponsoring and facilitating future social events that will encourage fellowship among members. How do activities like a Summer Ice Cream Social, Game Nights, and After-Service Luncheons sound? Stay tuned for more details! In the meantime, enjoy the beginning of Summer!

The Team meets again on Wednesday, June 13, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm in the Library. Anyone interested in finding out more about our fun work is welcome. Please just let Chris Walter know so we can set a chair for you at the table.

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Barb McClellan indicated that the upcoming exhibit will focus on the 60's - Peace, Love and Rock & Roll and requested anyone with memorabilia of that era to get it to the Arts and Exhibition team.

Lauren Keinath and Price Watts had several training sessions for use of the Click Share application for the new TV that has already been utilized effectively in several services.

Program Council will meet on June 10, skip July and then meet August 12th. Any ideas for fundraisers are welcome.

**Richard Walter**  
Chair, Program Council  
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## Announcements

### UU Book Club

We have definitely jumped from a nasty winter to some gorgeous summer days. What happened to Spring?? I am sure it is somewhat hard to sit and read when the beautiful weather is calling to us. The June book is "The Nightingale" by Kristen Hannah.

We will be meeting on June 10 at the home of Barb Bloomer (3737 Creekside Drive). Be sure to let Barb know that you will be coming at either 590-5678 or [bloombrb@gmail.com](mailto:bloombrb@gmail.com). Barb will be a great discussion leader for this book.

We will not be meeting during July and August so everyone will be able to enjoy the wonderful opportunities that make Traverse City so great in the summertime.

For more information, please contact:

**Mark Gustafson**  
**231 929 9608**



### Stop and Smell.....the Roses!

Open Garden Celebration  
Sunday, June 24, 3-5 p.m.

6351 Cherry Blossom Drive  
Traverse City  
**Hosts: Lauren & Karl Keinath**  
231-342-0617



Cut your own bouquet!

Enjoy refreshments and  
good company in the Gazebo!

### UUCGT Landscape Committee Spring Schedule

#### **June 2, 9:30 - Noon: Meandering Path Flagging & Clean-Up Party!**

We'll begin marking out our Path — come and help decide where it will go! — and then we'll begin the needed clean-up (trash we find in the woods, getting rid of dead branches that might knock us in the head when we walk, etc.). There will be coffee and refreshments both times! Families & children are encouraged to join us!

#### **June 3, following Annual Meeting: Lilac Pruning Demonstration**

Have you got an old lilac that is 20' tall and only blooms at the very top? Or, do you have a young lilac that stubbornly refuses to bloom at all? Both of those can be fixed with proper pruning!

We'll demonstrate on the lilacs at the edge of our parking lot, which are among those that haven't bloomed. Come and learn how to prune your lilac and rejuvenate it.

**Still to be scheduled: Walkabout to Identify Invasive Species**  
We'll have more on that one when Bill Scharf finishes his bird-banding time!



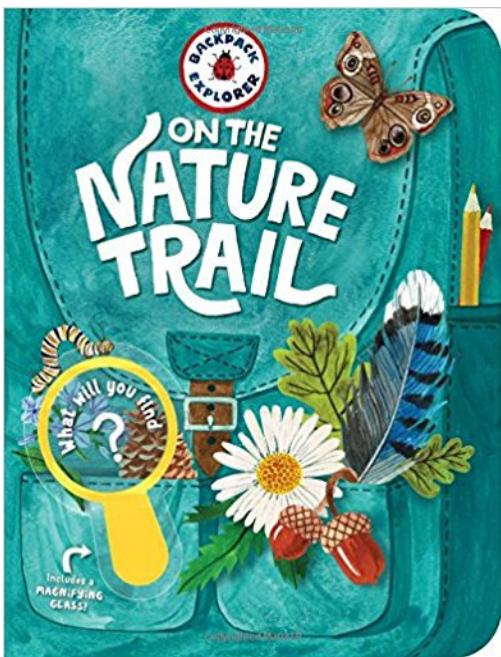


# Lifespan Experience

## Greetings Friends!

### Sundays in June for pre k-8<sup>th</sup> grade

In June we will begin our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Specialty Class Summer! It's hard to believe that I've had the privilege of serving this community for 7 years... This summer will be filled with outdoor fun (as weather allows) – lots of games, exploration, and building friendships. Don't forget- we have to start planning our end-of-school Hogwarts Celebration scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>! Much to do as we race towards the summer!



You are what  
your deep,  
driving desire  
is.  
As your desire  
is, so is your  
will.  
As your will is,  
so is your deed.  
As your deed is,  
so is your  
destiny.

— The Brihadaranyaka  
Upanishad

### **Suggested reading for families/parents this month:**

This month I am suggesting a fun way to kick start the summer!

#### **Backpack Explorer: On the Nature Trail: What Will You Find?** Edited by Storey Publishing

*"Jump-start curiosity with this take-along field guide for children ages 4 and up. From worms, birds, and spiders to trees, flowers, and clouds, young explorers learn what to look and listen for wherever they are — whether in a nature preserve, an urban park, or a suburban backyard. Seek-and-find lists, on-the-trail art projects, and discovery games get kids engaged in hands-on learning about nature, and a real pull-out magnifying glass helps them get a close-up glimpse of leaf veins, seed pods, and tiny insects. Filled with activities, checklists, and stickers, this interactive nature guide belongs in every kid's backpack."*

<https://goo.gl/oT4Jym>

**Family Ministry & the Future of Faith Formation:** In recent articles and Board reports I have mentioned much work that has been done this year considering new ways of approaching our engagement with children and families in an attempt to become more holistic, and less age-segregated. In my professional opinion however, given the reduction in time being allocated to the educator's position in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, this kind of programmatic overhaul is not realistic. As always however, we will look for ways that offer meaningful connections for children and families within our means. I appreciate all the efforts of those individuals who have helped to consider the changes that have been proposed – changes that I still feel very strongly need to occur for the future of our congregation.

**Friday Night Out!** June 8th, 5:30-9:00pm – Contact me ASAP to reserve a spot!

**Adult Lifespan Experience Classes:** Please watch your FLASH for an update regarding a wrap-up for the "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life" group.

**Wednesday Supper Schedule! & Brewing Community!** Please watch your FLASH for weekly updates regarding who is hosting the Wednesday Potluck in their home, or where Dinner Out & Brewing Community are gathering.

As always, be kind to yourselves, kind to each other, and send loving kindness out into the universe.

In Peace,  
**Sarah Montgomery-Richards**  
Director of Lifespan Experience  
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# Social Justice

Spring has finally come. Has it? Will we get a spring or go straight into summer? We here in Northern Lower Michigan see differences in our weather, but that is just the surface of our changing climate. Ocean waters are really affecting weather all across the globe. And that is affecting people, other animals, agriculture, etc. One thing we may not be thinking about is that it is also affecting the sex life and sex ratios of some animals.

Just one example is the Australian bearded dragon: “

*It's normal for some of these lizards to hatch as females when they have the chromosomal makeup of males. That's because the species doesn't rely solely on chromosomes to determine their sex. The lizards are also influenced by the temperature at which their eggs are incubated. So in a warming climate, it's possible that the species could see a snowball effect of females primed to produce female offspring, spurring a growing sex imbalance. Eventually, there could be so few males that the species would lack the genetic diversity needed to stay strong in the face of their warming world.”*

This process is happening in many documented species from turtles, fish and more.

BBC has said it very clearly: “While humans and many other animals determine sex genetically, many reptiles and some fish use the incubation temperature of the eggs to set the gender of their offspring. This means that changing global temperatures could alter the ratio of sexes produced, making it harder for these animals to find mates.”

Some plants and animals, including birds and fish, are changing their habits. Burying egg-laying animals are seen to be laying their eggs deeper where it is cooler. Other species are changing their mating times. These changes often do not coordinate with the adjustments of their prey species meaning that predatory animals, especially birds, and fish, are finding less food to feed their offspring. Less food, less

survival rate, weaker adults, decreased survival in the winter months, etc.

Several studies have shown a change in fidelity with climate changes. So sometimes this led to extra young being born, but it also can affect the rearing and health of the both broods. And of course, last but not least, there has been evidence that climate is affecting human sex ratios.

A 2015 working paper by the National Bureau of Economic Research found a correlation between hot temperatures and low birth rates in the US. On a single hot day when temperatures went over 26C there was a decline in over 1,100 births. It isn't clear whether this was due to a reduction in the frequency of sex – hmm, is it too hot to do anything? – or to reduced fertility at high temperatures?

There is another possible solution: air conditioning. But air conditioning needs power to run, and if that power comes from burning fossil fuels, we would end up warming the climate even more.

A 2016 study in Japan found a correlation between extreme temperatures, whether hot or cold, and increasingly sex-biased miscarriages, producing a female-biased sex ratio in newborns. Since climate change is predicted to increase the frequency of extreme weather events, in theory it could affect human fertility, too.

Interesting! In the mean time, enjoy!

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## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**As of April 30, 2018  
(83.3% of fiscal year)**

|                                     | <b>Current Year</b> |              | <b>Prior Year</b> |              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Budgeted Income Received YTD</b> | <b>\$226,209</b>    | <b>82.4%</b> | <b>\$235,473</b>  | <b>86.1%</b> |
| <b>Budgeted Expenses Paid YTD</b>   | <b>\$222,995</b>    | <b>81.3%</b> | <b>\$215,097</b>  | <b>78.5%</b> |
| <b>“For Those in Need” YTD</b>      | <b>\$ 16,961</b>    |              | <b>\$ 13,542</b>  |              |

Budgeted income includes the total of all pledged and unpledged donations and miscellaneous income including building rent, etc. “For Those in Need” collections are in addition to Budgeted Income Received and are disbursed quarterly to worthy causes, including Congregational Care, Tuesday Community Lunch and other Community needs outside our congregation. The percentage reflects the portion of the total amount of income or expense budgeted for the fiscal year.

Several members have chosen to prepay their pledge for 2017-2018. As a result, we are continuing to be “in the black” for the year. However, monthly income has not kept pace with expenses the past four months. If this pace continues, we will likely end the year with a deficit. If you want more detailed information, you can look at our website, click on Board, then on Board Packet, then on Statement of Financial Activity.

Questions can be directed to your Finance Committee Chair, Mike McDonald ([m\\_mcdonald@charter.net](mailto:m_mcdonald@charter.net)) or to other members of the Finance Committee.

# Mystery at UUCGT!!

## May, 2018

A great mystery at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Center Road was recently solved!



Sleuth Ellie Smith and Area Adopter Kim Sibilski were responsible for solving a long-time mystery that baffled many UU Congregants. As people walked into the church, passing by a small circle planted with a tree and a few flowers, many were heard to wonder out loud, “What *is* that thing? It’s so weird!” or, perhaps “I’ve never seen anything like that!”

What they were looking at: a small shrubby-looking tree in the circle center, with gnarly, twisty, branches.

Take a close look next time you walk by – it’s amazing! It’s all cleaned up now, with the suckers gone, courtesy of Kim Sibilski – and with the leaves out, it’s a wee bit harder to see all the twists and turns, but they are certainly there. This shrub is a dwarf variety of a tree known as **Harry Lauder’s Walking Stick**. *Say what?* you ask: Read on.

Properly known as *Corylus Avellana Contorta*, this shrub is part of the Hazelnut family, although this variety generally produces no fruit. This twisted, gnarly variety was discovered as a sport in an English hedgerow in the mid 1850’s. A “sport” means it just happened naturally: no one bred this on purpose. You will find ‘sports’ in many botanical varieties (roses have ‘sports’ for instance). Until very recently, this shrub was propagated by grafting onto a different root stock – the major reason we cut off all the root suckers this spring, and will be putting that in our Annual Plan so that it happens every spring. Today, although not easy, you can find Harry Lauder’s Walking Stick on its own root stock, no pruning required. This shrub is very low maintenance, disease free, and we have a great specimen of it – definitely good enough to enter into the Missouri Botanical Garden’s “garden locations” of specimen plantings.



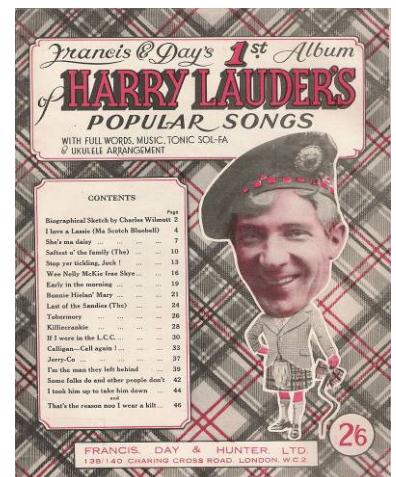
“Wait! Who the heck was Harry Lauder, and why do we call a crazy tree like this after him?”



Ah, yes. Well, the story goes on: Harry Lauder [1870-1950] was an extremely famous singer & entertainer from Scotland, who performed all around the world in all the countries of the Commonwealth and the U.S. (where he had his very own railroad car:

“The Harry Lauder”). He entertained troops in both World Wars. He usually performed in full Highland regalia: kilt, sporran, tam o’ shanter, and the twisted walking stick known as a Cromach. Today, Cromachs are often finely carved, but traditionally, they were twisty and gnarly --- just like our tree.

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### **UUCGT Calendar**

All events and programs take place at UUCGT unless otherwise noted

#### **JUNE 2018**

**01** **Fri** Facilities Committee 10:00 AM  
**02** **Sat** Landscape Committee 9:30 AM - 12 Noon  
**02** **Sat** InterPlay Workshop 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
  
**03** **Sun** **Sunday Service - Rabbi Chava Bahle 10:30 AM**  
**03** **Sun** UUCGT Annual Meeting 11:30 AM  
**03** **Sun** Landscape Committee - Lilac pruning 12:30 PM  
**03** **Sun** Mindfulness Meditation (1st Sunday) 2:30 PM 6:30 PM  
**04** **Mon** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**04** **Mon** Committee on Ministry 2:30 PM  
**04** **Mon** UU Men's Group Minerva's 5:30 PM  
**05** **Tue** Community Lunch @ Friends Church, volunteers @ 10:30 AM  
**05** **Tue** Bridge Group 1:00 PM  
**06** **Wed** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**06** **Wed** Executive Committee Agenda 1:00 PM  
**06** **Wed** Wednesday Potluck Mary Kiner & Cal Boulter 5:30 PM  
**07** **Thu** Shantideva Fan Club 9:30 AM  
**07** **Thu** Congregational Care Team 1:00 PM  
**07** **Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**07** **Thu** Meditation Workshop 5:30 PM  
**08** **Fri** Friday Night Out 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
**09** **Sat** Singing Sisters 10:00 AM  
  
**10** **Sun** Program Council 9:00 AM  
**10** **Sun** **Sunday Service - Rabbi Chava Bahle 10:30 AM**  
**10** **Sun** UU Book Club @ Barb Bloomer's 2:00 PM  
**10** **Sun** Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**11** **Mon** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**11** **Mon** Staff Resources 2:00 PM  
**11** **Mon** UUCGT Board Meeting 5:30 PM  
**11** **Mon** POM II HOA 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
**12** **Tue** Community Lunch @ Friends Church, volunteers @ 10:30 AM  
**12** **Tue** Indivisible GT 12:00 PM  
**12** **Tue** Concerned Citizens-Sinclair Media 1:00 PM  
**12** **Tue** Bridge Group 1:00 PM  
**12** **Tue** Leadership Development 5:00 PM  
**12** **Tue** Finance Committee 6:00 PM  
**13** **Wed** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**13** **Wed** Death Cafe 1:00 PM  
**13** **Wed** Membership Committee 4:00 PM  
**13** **Wed** Wednesday Potluck TBA 5:30 PM

**14** **Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**14** **Thu** Meditation Workshop 5:30 PM  
**16** **Sat** New Moon Circle Contact Carolyn Kelly  
**16** **Sat** MENSA Testing 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
  
**17** **Sun** **Sunday Service - Rabbi Chava Bahle 10:30 AM**  
**17** **Sun** Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**18** **Mon** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**19** **Tue** Community Lunch @ Friends Church, volunteers @ 10:30 AM  
**19** **Tue** Bridge Group 1:00 PM  
**20** **Wed** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**20** **Wed** Sunday Services Committee 4:00 PM  
**20** **Wed** Wednesday Potluck Norman-Anderson family 5:30 PM  
**21** **Thu** Shantideva Fan Club 9:30 AM  
**21** **Thu** Congregational Care Team 1:00 PM  
**21** **Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**21** **Thu** Meditation Workshop 5:30 PM  
  
**24** **Sun** **Sunday Service - Rabbi Chava Bahle 10:30 AM**  
**24** **Sun** TC Sings! Spring Concert 3:00 PM  
**24** **Sun** Mindfulness Meditation 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**25** **Mon** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**26** **Tue** Community Lunch @ Friends Church, volunteers @ 10:30 AM  
**26** **Tue** Indivisible GT 12:00 PM  
**26** **Tue** Concerned Citizens-Sinclair Media 1:00 PM  
**26** **Tue** Bridge Group 1:00 PM  
**27** **Wed** Stretch & Strengthen 11:00 AM  
**27** **Wed** Wednesday Supper Out & Brewing Community @ Workshop Brewing Company 5:00 PM  
**28** **Thu** Peacemakers Needleworkers 1:30 PM  
**28** **Thu** Meditation Workshop 5:30 PM  
**28** **Thu** TSO Violin Master class 6:00 PM