

Participating Congregations Today

Community UU Congregation at White Plains (CUUC)
First Unitarian Society of Westchester (FUSW), Hastings-on-Hudson
UU Congregation of the Hudson Valley (UUCHV), Croton-on-Hudson
UU Fellowship of Northern Westchester (UUFNW), Mt. Kisco
4th UU Congregation of Westchester (4th UU), Mohegan Lake

Worship Ministry Today

Rev. Karen Brammer (4th UU)
Rev. Peggy Clarke (FUSW)
Cindy Davidson, Ministerial Intern (CUUC)
Rev. Meredith Garmon (CUUC)
Rev. Jane Thickstun (UUCHV)
Rev. Michael Tino (UUFNW)

Musicians Today

Diane Guernsey, pianist-in-residence; Gary Trosclair, Terry Shook (FUSW)
Lisa N. Meyer, Choir Director; Georgianna Pappas, piano (CUUC)
Matt Norris, Choir Director; Giocille Shaw, piano (UUCHV)
Pam Parker, hymn leader; Erik Brown, piano (4th UU)
Marshall Schor, Choir Director; Carol Christian, piano (UUFNW)

Religious Educators Today

Tracy Breneman, DRE (FUSW & UUFNW)
Perry Montrose, DLRE (CUUC)
Jane Podell, DRE (UUCHV)



Thanks to the CUUC Environmental Practices Group for hosting today's coffee hour

Joys, Sorrows, Thanksgiving, and Milestones Table

You are welcome to write in the book (by the east windows of the Sanctuary) and light a candle—or just light a candle—to express a joy, sorrow, gratitude, or personal milestone. Some of what is written in the book may be included in the prayer during the worship service.



Nurture Spirituality · Foster Compassion · Engage in Service



“Shared Earth, Shared Faith” Westchester UU Earth Day Celebration 2018 April 22

Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation is a Welcoming Congregation committed to affirming and purposefully including all, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, and sexual or affectional orientation.

Order of Service

2018 April 22

Welcome		Cindy Davidson, Ministerial Intern
Prelude	<i>Ode to Joy</i> Ludwig von Beethoven arr. Christopher Norton	Diane Guernsey, piano Gary Trosclair, trumpet Terry Shook, djembe
Call to Worship		Rev. Michael Tino
Chalice Lighting		Westchester UU Ministers
Pass the Peace/Greet Your Neighbor		
*Hymn	#203 <i>All Creatures of the Earth and Sky</i>	Georgianna Pappas, piano
Time for All Ages		Rev. Karen Brammer
Sing the Children Out	#413 <i>Go Now in Peace</i>	Giocille Shaw, piano
	Go now in peace, go now in peace, – May the love of God surround you, Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.	
Meditation/Prayer		Rev. Jane Thickstun
Responsive Reading	(see insert)	
Anthem	<i>Come In From the Firefly Darkness</i> Amy F. Bernon	CUUC Choir Lisa N. Meyer, dir. Georgianna Pappas, piano
Homily		Rev. Meredith Garmon
Anthem	<i>To My Old Brown Earth</i> Pete Seeger	4th UU: Pam Parker, vocals Erik Brown, piano
Homily		Rev. Peggy Clarke

writing campaign for food scrap composting in the county.
Youth Group program includes: • Video about Climate Reality • Discussion of the issues • Letter writing campaign for food scrap composting in the county.

CUUC News

UU Common Read Discussion, Today, Sun Apr 22, after Worship, 41 We will discuss *Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity and Power in Ministry*, experiences of religious professionals of color in Unitarian Universalism. Please join us!

Bingo Night, Fri Apr 27, 6:30 pm A night of pizza and community fun! Bring a gift for our bag of prizes. \$5/adult; \$3/child; \$15/family max. RSVP: cuucevents@gmail.com.

Special Congregational Meeting, Sun Apr 29, after Worship, Sanctuary We will vote on three motions: (1) to adopt our Statement of Conscience regarding Escalating Economic Inequity in the United States (printouts on green paper are in the sanctuary); (2) to affirm support for a woman's right to contraception; and (3) to approve our congregation's renewal of our Welcoming Congregation certification. We encourage everyone to attend.

Community Socials, Sun Apr 29, 4:00pm Check the posted flyers in the lobby, RSVP to your chosen host, bring a snack, then go have fun! Contact: Jane Dixon (lilrhodie@gmail.com).

Variety Show Fundraiser, Sat May 12, 5:00pm, Sanctuary Performances, bake sale, and much more - Everyone welcome! Contact: Liz Suvanto (elizabethsuvanto@hotmail.com).

Caring and Sharing If anyone knows of another among us who is in need of a caregiver, please contact Gail McLeod (914 235-8212) or her backup Liz Laite (914-366-4211, em.laite@verizon.net).

"CUUC in Song!", Sun May 6, 12:30pm, Sanctuary

Join us for a concert of joyful voices! Mezzo-soprano Anna Tonna sings sultry Spanish and Latin-American favorites accompanied by Adam Kent. The CUUC Choir, directed by Lisa N. Meyer and accompanied by Georgianna Pappas, performs music of Harold Arlen, featuring favorites like *Somewhere Over The Rainbow* and *Get Happy*. Discount tickets on sale during coffee hour. Free childcare available.



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reminded that we need not think or theologically believe alike to love our Earth alike, nor to act alike. In our commitment to a common good of a livable future for ourselves and generations to come, we can find and grow our strength and hope. Certainly, there is plenty of room for disagreement and stalling as experts and citizens debate strategies and tactics, yet we must not become complacent or succumb to analysis paralysis. Again and again, these words of Thich Nhat Hanh come to mind for me:

A student asked me, "There are so many urgent problems, what should I do?" I said, "Take one thing and do it very deeply and carefully, and you will be doing everything at the same time."

(From "Caring for the Environmentalist" in *The World We Have: A Buddhist Approach to Peace and Ecology*, Parallax Press, 2004)*

* To learn more about Nelson and the history of Earth Day, check out the "Nelson/Earth Day" website of the Nelson Institute of Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison: nelsonearthday.net/nelson/. (Click on "The Nelson Collection" to take a trip down memory lane courtesy of the archives.)

Lifespan Religious Education – Perry Montrose, Director, dlre@cucwp.org

It is powerful to have an experience that reminds you that you are not alone, especially in the context of your hopes for the world. Today is Earth Day and we are fortunate to have this opportunity to celebrate with our fellow Westchester UUs. In addressing climate reality this morning, we can feel the power of our combined voices. Children always find it eye-opening to realize that Unitarian Universalism is not just within the walls of their own congregation, that there are other people in the world who share their faith. Our special Earth Day program brings us together for worship, RE, environmental justice, and racial justice. It follows on the footsteps of the high school Youth Con being hosted at CUUC. It is quite a weekend and a wonderful reminder that we are greater together than alone.

RE Today, Sun Apr 22 - All ages start in sanctuary and leave for special RE program after Time for All Ages. CUUC 8th-9th graders who did not attend the Murray Grove Retreat are asked to attend the makeup class, 10:30-12:00.

RE Earth Day Climate Reality Program: Why We Must Change; How We Can Change; Committing to Change We will help children and youth understand what is happening to our planet and to realize that each of us has agency to do something to save it. *Pre-K–5th grade program includes:* • Green Hands: Making Seed Balls - compost, clay and water get mixed, rolled into balls with seeds, and put into paper bags • Green Spirit: Floor map canvass to decorate and play on • Green Minds: Videos about the soil connection and thank you letters for the Westchester compost program • Green Hearts: Seeing the compost process with compost critters. *6th-9th grade program includes:* • Climate Reality slide show • Carbon Offset game: Spin the wheel and see how you do • Recycling Relay • Letter

Anthem

We Are One
Brian Tate

UUCHV Choir
Matt Norris, dir.
Giocille Shaw, piano

Introduction to the Offering

Cindy Davidson

Our non-pledge collection today will go to the Westchester Growers Alliance

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth
F. S. Pierpoint, John Rutter

Combined UU Choirs
Marshall Schor, dir.
Carol Christian, piano

Dedication of the Offering

May these gifts, and the work of our hands and hearts,
give power to all we stand for as a community of faith.

***Hymn**

#1064 *Blue Boat Home* (first 2 verses) Diane Guernsey, piano

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

Knowing how quickly the flame of truth may be extinguished,
How easily the chalice of fellowship broken,
Let us be vigilant in faith, Keep peace in our hearts,
And make care for one another the watchword of our lives together.
So our light goes out... Everywhere... Into the world.

***Benediction**

Rev. Karen Brammer

***Hymn**

#1064 *Blue Boat Home* (last verse)

*Please rise in body or spirit.

During coffee hour, please visit the footprint hanging on the window and write an action you will take to use less plastic, waste less food, make our green spaces greener, reduce use of harmful chemicals, or another type of action you choose. The children and youth are filling a separate footprint poster with their commitments, too!

The RE program ends at 12:00 noon followed by social time for children and youth in Fellowship Hall from 12:00-12:30pm. Children in 3rd grade and younger must be picked up by a parent from Fellowship Hall at the entrance from the RE foyer.

Our Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation is supported by the generosity of those who believe in liberal religion. Membership is open to all who wish to call this congregation home. Becoming a member (signing our membership book) is a step on the path of Unitarian Universalist spiritual growth, and it gives you a vote in congregational decision making. If you feel ready to take on the privileges and responsibilities of membership, please make an appointment to talk with our minister, Rev. Garmon (minister@cucwp.org or 914-946-1660, ext 3). **If you are visiting**, welcome. We invite you to remain after the service for fellowship in the fireplace area. Parents of infants are welcome to keep their children with them during the service, or to drop them off at our warm and loving nursery in room 32. **Cell phones:** You are welcome to “tweet” aspects of the service – #CUUC.

This Week at CUUC

Room numbers subject to change; please check the board on Sunday morning.

Sun Apr 22

8:30am Choir Rehearsal - Sanc
10:00 Nursery Care - 32
10:30am All-County Worship - Sanc
11:30am Coffee Hour - Fireside
12:00pm Meal Prep for HOPE - Kitchen
12:00pm Common Read Book Discussion - 41

Mon Apr 23

6:30pm T'ai-ch'i - Fireside

Tue Apr 24

3:00pm Minister's Coffee Chat – Off-Site
7:00pm Rental: WCSPP - Classrooms
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanc
7:30pm Journey Group-Majsak – Off-Site

Wed Apr 25

7:30pm Worship Committee - Parsonage

Thu Apr 26

10:00am Journey Group-Kung – Off-Site
11:30am Science & Spirituality - Fireside

Next Service - Sun Apr 29, 10:00am, "Truth" Rev. Meredith Garmon The parable of the blind folk and the elephant teaches us to recognize the limitations and particularities of our perspective. But the problem may be deeper. Maybe there is no elephant.

Fri Apr 27

6:30pm CUUC Bingo Night - FH

Sat Apr 28

10:00am Zen - 24
11:00am Elizabeth Landauer Memorial - Sanc

Sun Apr 29

9:30am Nursery Care - 32
10:00am Worship - Sanc
11:15am Coffee Hour - Fireside
11:20am Newcomers' Conversation - 13
11:30am Community Chat - FH
11:30am Music Committee - 41
11:40am Congregation Forum - Sanc
2:00pm Rental: UNA-USA Annl Meeting - Sanc
4:00pm Community Socials – Off-Site

From the Ministerial Intern – *Cindy Davidson, intern@cucwp.org*

Today marks the 48th observance of “Earth Day,” an international day of events focused on protecting our environment. Many of those events will celebrate aspects of our natural world, many will encourage us to get outdoors or to get or become even more involved in various aspects of environmentalism, conservation, or environmental justice. Some, like our joint worship service here at CUUC, will ask us to reflect on our place in the interdependent web of which we are a part and ponder what is ours to do not just each Earth Day but each and every day.

Looking to the past, credit and our thanks for designating April 22 “Earth Day” go to the late environmentalist and politician Gaylord Nelson, who served Wisconsin from 1948–1981 in the state senate, as state governor, and as US senator. Long concerned about the effects of pollution on our air, lands, and waterways, he was inspired to bring environmental protections onto the national political agenda in much the same consciousness-raising ways of the 1960’s student anti-war movement. He spearheaded a collaborative effort with others to sponsor a “national teach-in on the environment” for April 22, 1970.

Twenty million (20,000,000!) Americans coast to coast showed up in the streets, parks, auditoriums, and on college and university campuses that day to protest the degradation of the environment and advocate for a healthy, sustainable environment. By the end of 1970, the US Environmental Protection Agency had been founded and acts protecting clean air, clean water, and endangered species had been passed. Gaylord’s efforts were successful in part because he cultivated a focus on common concerns and worked in ways that encouraged people to transcend their political, economic, geographic, and lifestyle divides and work together to preserve and protect a clean environment for the future.

A few generations later, we stand on the cusp of even more urgent environmental concerns as global warming looms not solely in the future but has begun to impact us in the present while threatening to play out more rapidly than previously predicted by many scientists. We are inundated in our daily lives with news and reports about one ecological concern or another – oil pipeline spills in our gulfs, rivers, suburban neighborhoods, and on tribal lands; loss of biodiversity and habitats; ocean acidification, sea level rise, severe weather events, drought, and failing crops – and despair can easily become our daily companion. It is especially good to be reminded of the roots of Earth Day, then, as we see environmental protections being rolled back and the urgent need to move boldly on climate change solutions disputed and disregarded under our current administration.

Perhaps we can take comfort and encouragement in the paths that have been trod before us to walk together into a brighter future. Perhaps we are the ones to offer to the next generation new stories of transcending divides, laboring through the difficult steps of finding common grounds despite our differences, and appreciating the best of our diverse perspectives and gifts. Over the years, in my experiences with “greenies” and religious environmentalists of many faiths, I have been often