

Social Justice Events & Opportunities

as of Fri Mar 15, 2019

Restorative Practices for Faith Communities Training

Sat Mar 16, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

First Unitarian Society of Westchester, Hastings-on-Hudson

UUA training for lay leaders, youth, and religious professionals that introduces restorative practices to improve our communities' abilities to respond to tension, conflict, hurt, and disagreement. We especially encourage youth leaders, committees on ministry, and congregation boards to attend. Childcare available. Attendance capped at 40 participants.

Contact Amy Kent (akent@uua.org). Register by March 11 at

uua.wufoo.com/forms/zew7bn61r34jdf.

PrideWorks 2019

Wed Mar 20, 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Pace University, Pleasantville

[Prideworks](#) produces an annual conference for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) youth, their allies, and the adults in their lives. The PrideWorks conference serves students from more than 70 middle and high schools and 10 colleges. To join our UU volunteers, contact John Cavallero (jcwpony@gmail.com). To help conference organizers, contact Suede Graham, 914-281-1634, info@prideworks.com.

Midnight Run

Fri Mar 22, 7:00 PM

First Unitarian Society, 25 Old Jackson Rd, Hastings-on-Hudson

Make a difference in the lives of those in need. Come help us prepare food, pack clothes, and distribute and interact with homeless people in NYC. You can also support us with donations of clothing and food. Contact: Contact Irene Jong (ijong@outlook.com)

**Transforming Hearts: Understanding & Embracing Transgender Folks
Sun Mar 24, 11:30am, UU Congregation of the Hudson Valley, Croton**

The first of a series of workshops that provide a safe space to explore our understanding, ask questions, and reflect on the roles each of us play in the lives of those different from us and their experiences within our community. Then we'll do the work, together, to enhance our own abilities to create a space that cultivates feelings of belonging for all people regardless of gender, race, sexual identity, traditions, and so on. Led by Jack Bergman

**2019 Westchester Social Justice Forum
Sunday, Mar 24, 12:00 PM Registration; 1:30 PM Opening
SUNY Purchase, Music Building, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase**

Join community organizations in Westchester for a social forum to exchange ideas and information, foster solidarity, and celebrate our work to create a more just and equal society.

The day will include workshops on organizing for social and ecological justice, and a culminating cultural celebration. Plan to arrive 12:00 – 12:30 PM for registration. Please bring a reusable water container to minimize waste. Learn more at westchestersocialforum.org.

View workshops at westchestersocialforum.org/workshops.

**International Women's Convocation
Panel Discussion on Global Gender Equity
Sat Apr 13, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Community Church, Worship Hall, 40 East 35 Street, NYC**

Panel including representatives from Romania, India, and the Phillipines highlight U*U women's work for global women's empowerment and the importance of engaging UUs from the U.S. in this important work. Funded in part by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism. Free for UU-UNO Seminar participants. \$20 for others at door.

**The Slave Dwelling Project
Sat Jun 9, 2:00 PM
Jay Estate, 210 Boston Post Rd, Rye**

Save the Date! The Slave Dwelling Project has visited over 90 sites in 18 states where its founder, Joseph McGill, gives presentations to the public and sleeps in historical slave quarters to highlight the experiences of his enslaved ancestors. Join us for a free panel discussion about the preservation of extant slave buildings from Mr. McGill and guest speakers from around New York State. The program is part of Westchester County's 2019 Celebration of African American History. *John Jay was known for his abolitionist efforts*

beginning in 1777. In 1785, he founded the NY Society for the Manumission of Slaves, and in 1799, as Governor of New York, he signed the Gradual Emancipation Act. However, John Jay also grew up with enslaved men and women in his home and owned slaves himself thus making the history of the Jay Estate as it pertains to slave ownership and abolition contradictory and complex. The narrative of this National Historic Landmark site invites us to look closer at available evidence to puzzle together a more complete vision of the evolution of our social justice system.

Petition: The Department of Justice must immediately drop all charges against UU Volunteer and respect the right of volunteers to freely practice their faith by caring for migrants on the border.

The administration is pursuing felony criminal charges against Scott Warren, a volunteer with the “No More Deaths” ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, which provides water, food, socks, blankets, and emergency first-aid to migrants along the US-Mexico border. Learn more at theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-arrested-migrants-water). Find the petition at act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/scott_warren?referring_akid=.558144.6xwLrq&source=taf