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Monthly Newsletter APRIL 2022

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FROM THE MINISTER

Rev. Bob Janis-Dillon

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has pledged for the 2022-2023 year. Your generosity makes this place possible. Thank you! A MASSIVE thank you as well to **Carma Haas**, our hard-working treasurer, and the multitalented **Lois Slade**, who has stepped up to serve as Assistant Treasurer.

At the time of this writing (Monday March 28th) the congregation has pledged \$70,929. While an impressive figure, this is well short of our budget goal of \$137,465. We may be facing difficult decisions around staffing, buildings, and programs—primarily the first two, as they account for the majority of budget costs. We still have some pledges expected to come in—we will keep you informed of the final total.

April's theme is "Awakening." The Buddhists compare being enlightened with being awake: being clear-eyed about the state of things, observing things as they really are. It's hard to be clear-headed, or clear-eyed, about money. Generally, no one wants to talk about it. And yet we all know how influential money, or the lack of it, is in our own lives.

There is something powerful to seeing things as they really are. \$70,929 is a big number. It's impressive that, together, we can raise this much towards a community of meaning-making, ongoing justice work, and collective care. \$66,536—the amount we are currently short of our goals—is also a big number. Whatever the shortfall is, the congregation will have to account for it somehow. It's not about blame or guilt—everyone is doing their best. It's about making choices based on our resources.

If you've not made a pledge to this congregation, and this congregation is meaningful to you, I would urge you to do so. We know many of us are on limited incomes, sometimes very limited incomes. Some have pledged to help the congregation in a non-monetary way. We are very grateful for all types of support.

Whatever the budget and plan for next year, I firmly believe good things are in store for this congregation. There is a good energy of vitality and connection happening here. Slowly emerging from pandemic, it does feel like spring: the shoots of life are gradually coming up from the ground, there is a sense of optimism and hope. Whatever the future holds, what we have in this community is considerable. Let's rejoice in what we have, and what we have to share.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Bob

Sunday Service

10:30 am

Zoom connection: https://tinyurl.com/UUCC-SundayWorship Or call: 301 715 8592, Meeting ID: 612 724 145, Password: 342554

Awakening

April 3 Leave Footprints, Take Memories (Live and Zoom) Rev. Bob People often say they feel very spiritual while out in nature—can you find the meaning of life while out on the trail? A reflection on journeys of the heart, and waking up to our deep connection to nature.

April 10 The Fire of Commitment (Zoom from England) Rev. Julio Torres Rev. Julio will be discussing the Fire of Commitment using imagery such as the phoenix, Jesus, and the use of elemental fire in the bible. What dynamics and lessons can we learn this Easter and Passover from the lens of fire? What commitment will awaken from the ashes in our hearts?

April 17 Awake to the Regeneration (Live and Zoom) Climate Action Team Celebrate the Earth and Spring's regeneration through stories, poetry, and live music with native American drummers from Spirit of Thunderheart. Awaken to the call to respect nature so that life will be sustained for future generations. Service for all ages. Possible post-service outdoor dance celebration.

April 24 *New Member Sunday: Living Fully* (Live and Zoom) **Rev. Bob** The Buddha taught that being enlightened was being "fully awake." This Sunday, we celebrate the dedication and wisdom of UU Catskills' newest members, and examine how living fully involves both individual conscience and shared endeavor.

Half-plate donations for April 2022 will go to Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater* Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit, member-supported corporation whose mission is to preserve and protect the Hudson River, its tributaries and related bodies of water. As an organization, Clearwater works to provide innovative environmental education programs, advocacy, and celebrations designed to expand people's experience, awareness and stewardship of this magnificent natural resource https://www.clearwater.org.

Donate online at https://www.uucatskills.org/donate or send your check payable to UUCatskills to UUCC, 320 Sawkill Road, Kingston, NY 12401. Please write "half-plate" in the memo line. Please combine donations into one monthly donation.

Pledging is a gift to our values and funds our operating budget.

Thank you to everyone who pledged so far!

The pledge drive ends on April 5, 2022

To pledge online, go to https://www.uucatskills.org/pledge-form-20222023. Carma Haas, our Treasurer, and Lois Slade, our Assistant Treasurer, will be available after services on **April 3rd** to assist those who need help pledging online.

Information at https://www.uucatskills.org/uucc-pledge-drive-2022

President's Column

Mark S. Howenstein

Equinox is upon us—a time of balance and harmony

This is a most appropriate time to conduct our Pledge Campaign, to balance our books, to set our budget for the year to come and to bring harmony to what we practice and preach. By pledging, we commit ourselves to the economic vitality of our congregation and to our valiant attempt to bring beloved community into a weary, war-torn world. This is quite an undertaking, yet year after year, we mount this campaign, meet its hurdles and forge our way into another fiscal year... just like the "little train that could" to borrow an apt metaphor.

The Pledge Drive has been in full swing for two weeks and there is still a long way to go. If you have already pledged, thank you for your economic contribution to the life of our congregation. If you have not yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible. Every pledge counts. For more information and to pledge, see https://www.uucatskills.org/pledge-form-20222023. The Pledge Drive ends on April 5th, and time is of the essence so that we can prepare an accurate budget as best we can for our Annual Meeting in June.

April is a busy month filled with several additional ways to get involved and to contribute to the life of our congregation. This month is filled with the high holy days of Passover, Easter and Ramadan, and the long-awaited blossoming of spring. Take the time to treasure and honor this sacred time of rebirth and renewal by attending a service, walking in the woods or planning your garden.

April is also the time for spring cleaning. On April 3rd, we will have a pop-up market following service. Come see what treasures you can find among items others are discarding and thereby support the environment (by recycling) and our congregation as well (a percentage of proceeds will go to the UUCC, see p. 7). Our grounds also need some tender loving care, so we have set a series of clean up days for April 9th and 10th, with a rain date on April 16th (see p. 7). Come lend a hand to beautify our landscape.

Finally, on April 23rd, there will be a memorial service for one of our beloved, long-time congregants, Linda Mason LeBlanc (see p.4). Linda contributed in so many ways to the life of our congregation, serving on several committees, as Treasurer on the Board, and always ready to serve some of her delectable pastries or dishes at our numerous pot luck events. Come celebrate her life and commemorate her death at this special service.

April is a time of rebirth and of re-emergent life. Mark these events on your calendar and plan to attend as many as you can. There are so many ways to contribute to UUCC. Come and be a part of it.

Welcome Spring with an Easter Bonnet Sunday April 17

With the return of spring comes the promise of spiritual renewal and the opportunity to put away your dark woolen winter wear and pull out your lighter garb and jaunty hats.

On April 17, Easter in the Christian tradition, you are invited to wear an Easter bonnet to the service. The younger women of the British royal family wear rakish fascinators on Easter although the Queen dons something more practical. You may want to decorate your hat with flowers and ribbons. You may want to wear something elaborate or simple: a top hat, tam, Kentucky Derby special, straw boater, fedora, Stetson or classic Easter bonnet.

Announcements

UUA Intergenerational Spring Seminar

Displacement and Human Rights: All In for Climate Justice

April 22 – May 1, 2022 on Zoom

Register by April 10

The Intergenerational Spring Seminar, hosted by the UUA Office at the UN aims to instill in Unitarian Universalist youth (age 14+) and adults a commitment to global engagement and the skills to take action locally to address global issues.

The intergenerational seminar is an opportunity to collaborate with others while learning how to be a global activist. Through workshops, peer and expert-led panel discussions, community building activities, and worship services, you will undergo a transformative process of learning, reflection, and growth while exploring some of the most challenging issues facing humanity today.

https://www.uua.org/international-justice/un/spring-seminar

Service of Memorial and Celebration

Linda Mason LeBlanc

Longtime member Linda Mason LeBlanc passed away August 2021. Linda was a beloved member of UU Catskills and is sorely missed. All are welcome to attend the celebration of her life, to be held here at UU Catskills

Saturday, April 23rd at 2 pm

Judith Chase is looking for photographs of Linda from UUCC friends for the congregation's Book of Memories. If you have a short memory to include, that is welcome also. Email weaverjudith@verizon.net or 845-679-2551

Updates from Rev. Bob

Promoting Peace Workshop

Monday, April 18th, 7 pm to 8:30 pm on Zoom (link below) presented by Barbara Kidney, Ph.D.

Promoting Peace - Some Perspectives from Counseling Psychology

What is peace, really; how do you define it, experience it, add to (or detract from) it, maintain or enhance it? Can an individual contribute to the presence or absence of peace, and if so, how? In this workshop, we will begin with a guided relaxation/visualization exercise designed to help each of us gain a deeper and more authentic awareness of what peace means to each of us, and how what we do and can do, adds and can add to the presence of peace in the world.

That leads to discussion of peace-making in a personalized way—unique to the group and the individuals in it. (No two workshops are ever alike!) Some conceptual frameworks from psychology literature will be presented to prompt thought and maybe new insights into peace and peace-making. We will end with suggestions/ideas, based on psychological insights, for developing a personal peace-making plan for those interested in such, and/or a way to evaluate one's own such plan already in progress.

If there is interest in meeting again, Part II would continue with exploration of some useful concepts relevant to the presence or absence of peace in the human world, along with a review of plans and implementations of plans that people may have made in Part I.

Barbara Kidney, Ph.D., is a counseling psychologist who has been in private practice for 30 years. She is a member of American Psychological Association's Division 48, Peace Psychology, from which she had the opportunity to contribute to *The Psychology of Peace Promotion*, published by Springer Nature in 2019. This workshop is based on material from her chapter in that book. She has been involved with various activities to promote the well-being of Earthlings all her life, including with local Occupies and environmental groups, and she ran as the Green Party candidate for her state Assembly District in 2020 on a platform of financial, social, and environmental justice.

Free. No RSVP required to attend – but if you are planning on possibly attending, an email to Barbara at <u>bask999@yahoo.com</u> will be appreciated so we get some idea of numbers.

Thanks, see you there! Rev. Bob

Promoting Peace Workshop, Apr 18, 2022 7 pm

https://zoom.us/j/91492632659?pwd=RVBaVG5ZOW16V0FGTEUvUnZxSkovQT09

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 914 9263 2659 Passcode: 407907

Updates from Rev. Bob

So You Want to Write a Sermon?

Have you ever been tempted to lead a service here at UU Catskills? Or have you led one already, but want to up your game? Or are you just curious what's involved in the quixotic art of sermon writing? Come to this two-part session, led by Rev. Bob. Participants will learn about the liturgical arts, with a special focus on sermon preparation and delivery. No experience necessary!

The sessions will be held on:

Wednesday, April 27th 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Saturday, May 7th 10 am – noon

The sessions will take place in our sanctuary, but you are welcome to Zoom in to one or both sessions. It's free, but <u>pre-registration is required</u> by **April 15th** to <u>minister@uucatskills.org</u>. Thanks!

Yours in mutual inspiration, Rev. Bob

Rev. Bob's First Thursday Hangout (on Zoom)

Thursday, April 7 11 am

https://zoom.us/j/97469875728?pwd=cXNzWGZUaTJtc1NtSGs4ZmNNN040QT09 +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 974 6987 5728

Monday Night Bible and Other Books

Monday, April 25 Mark (Greek Bible) 7 pm – 9 pm on Zoom

Come experience the great books of different sacred traditions. Led by Rev. Bob, we'll explore a few short passages from some of the world's best-known sacred texts. No advance reading is required. No prior knowledge is assumed; we will just read the text aloud and talk about it. Skepticism and scrutiny are welcome. We'll look at the texts rationally, emotionally, spiritually, theologically and from the standpoint of literature.

April's session is the second of three (each focusing on a different book), on the **LAST Monday of the Month, 7 pm on Zoom.** You can come to one or both of these, as you wish. Here is the schedule with proposed topics (subject to change—and suggestions welcome) April and May:

Monday, April 25 7 pm **Mark** (Greek Bible)

Monday, May 30 7 pm **Bhagavad Gita**, from the Hindu Mahabharata

(Memorial Day—book contains themes of war and peace)

Zoom link for all: : https://zoom.us/j/98310087922?pwd=UGlBanhsTFFLTmxib200eU5Gb3Vqdz0

Announcements

UU Catskills **Pop-Up** Fundraiser Sunday, April 3rd

In the Sanctuary, directly after service at 11:30 am. If the weather is nice, we'll have coffee and cookies in the Memorial Garden.

Vendors included are *Tru Earth* products, Community Compost, dog training, local art, *Color Street* nails, health and wellness products, homemade cards and post cards, handmade soaps, music, treats and more!

All vendors will be donating a percentage to UUCC Questions? Contact Erin Reiter Burton, erinbreiter@yahoo.com .

UUCC Grounds Committee asks for your help!

UUCC Spring Cleanup

The winter has wreaked havoc on the Sanctuary grounds and we need help with our Spring Cleanup.

Saturday, April 9 10 am to 2 pm

Sunday, April 10 12:30 pm to 3 pm

Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

Please bring your boots, gloves and rakes.

(The rain date, if needed, is Saturday, April 16, 10 am to 2 pm)

Caring Updates

Judy Chang, a friend of UUCC and resident of both Manhattan and Kingston died this week. Some of you may remember her attending Sunday services a few years ago and playing piano beautifully for the congregation. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends and family.

Caring Committee: Christie Billeci, chair, Judith Chase, Vic Melville, Don Peck, Ellen Herrington, Joanne Steele, and Mary Jo Brightly. Contact Christie Billeci: 845.757. 2556 or caring@UUCatskills.org.

Happy APRIL Birthday!



April 3 Tom Hackett

April 6

Debbie Pineiro-Zucker

April 10

Sasha Sun

April 16

Bill Tuel

April 18

Jerelynn Mason

April 25

Liesel Viñals-Hilgart (daughter of Erin Hilgart)

For contact information, please see your Member Directory
If you would like to have your birthday listed in the newsletter,
contact <u>uuccoffice@gmail.com</u>

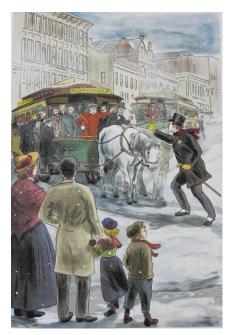
Religious Exploration

Jane Podell, Director of R.E.

April is Animal Cruelty Prevention Month



April is an extremely important month for animals. Why April? That's the month in 1866 when Unitarian Henry Bergh founded the ASPCA in New York City. As the pioneer and innovator of the humane movement, the ASPCA quickly became the model for many other humane organizations in the U.S. and Canada.



The Great Meddler

Back in the mid 1800's.....

Carriage horses were regularly beaten and overworked, dog fighting was a sport enjoyed by gamblers, and pigeons were used for target practice.

In an effort to turn the tide of animal cruelty, Unitarian Henry Bergh founded the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), an organization that, to this day, fights for the humane treatment of animals.

Often putting himself in harm's way, Henry was known to physically and verbally intervene when he spotted a case of animal abuse. Newspaper articles often referred to him as "The Great Meddler."

In honor of Henry Bergh's legacy, all through the month of April, we will be collecting dog food and cat food to be donated to the Ulster County SPCA. If you wish to contribute other gifts to the SPCA, copy and paste this URL: https://www.ucspca.org/join-us-5/wish-list-2 for their Wish List.

Sunday morning R.E. sessions

Sun, Apr 3 ~ **Our Interconnection with the Earth**. Our faith calls us to the idea that we are people of the earth rather than people over the Earth; we are interconnected and interdependent.

Sunday, Apr il 10 ~ **no R.E.**

Sunday, April 17 ~ **no R.E.**

Sunday, April 24 – **The Easter Can Hunt.** On this Sunday after Easter, the children will participate in "The Easter Can Hunt." Instead of hunting for eggs, they will hunt for cans of dog and cat food on the UU Catskills grounds. The cans will be donated to the Ulster County SPCA.

Social Justice Updates

from the **Social Justice Committee**

Donna Schlachman

Many thanks to the members who were able to participate in the Social Justice Committee's survey of the congregation. Our goal was to gauge the congregation's social justice priorities for, and involvement in, social justice work in order to better coordinate and plan our activities. We understand that restricting it to members may have excluded those newer to UUCatskills, some who were drawn here by the Social Justice foundations of Unitarian Universalism and our efforts as a congregation.

51 individuals, about 50% of our congregation, took the survey. This is considered a good return rate in the world of surveys. However, care must be taken not to over interpret the minimally or reduced involvement in some areas of social justice.

The Social Justice Committee meets this month and will be diving deeper in reviewing and discussing the results, which included a number of individual comments, suggestions and feedback. Not all respondents elected to answer all questions, hence not all the data below are based on 51 answers.

- **Of 50 respondents,** 56% feel UUCC's Social Justice work is of **most importance**, with another 24% rating it as **very important**
- Of 20 respondents to the question regarding their own participation in SJ work here at UUCatskills,

75% participate in Climate Action

35% in Racial Justice

15% in Food Justice

10% in Immigrant Justice

- 46 respondents indicated how their SJ time is spent in these areas:
 - 89% engage in self-education activities:
 - 39% attend UU meetings, and
 - 44% attend meetings outside of UUCatskills.
- 37% of us participate in direct actions/direct work in equal amounts under our own SJ efforts and with other groups
- 48% engage in SJ, i.e. "do something" more than monthly
- Of 50 respondents, the 3 most declared areas of importance in a list of 9 choices are:

77% Climate change;

49% Voting and Voter Suppression;

39% Systemic Racism

Others noted:

37% Economic Inequality

26% Women's Equality and Reproductive Rights

18% Healthcare Affordability and Access

16% LGBTQ+ Rights

14% Criminal Justice System Reform

12% Immigration Rights

Again, the SJC appreciates the care taken in completing the survey and will be using the results in our future work.

Social Justice Updates

Racial Justice Working Group - Donna Schlachman

Ijeomo Oluo wrote: "The beauty of anti-racism is that you don't have to pretend to be free of racism to be an anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward."

In conversation on what it means to be an **Ally**, **Accomplice**, or **Co-Conspirator** in the work for racial justice, we need to ask ourselves why we, as Unitarian Universalists, are called to actively engage in becoming antiracist. What are the foundations of our faith that demand our attention to racial justice? Why do we need to come out of our well-worn shells of liberal religious comfort and more deeply understand our roles in perpetuating white supremacist culture in our chosen faith and in our institutions? We hope to broaden this conversation as we consider the proposed 8th Principle over the coming months.

For our April 12th meeting, we will consider the 4 Stages of Equity Culture as defined by Dr. Darnisa Amante-Jackson in her 2021 talk at SUNY New Paltz. We will think about where we are in our own work for justice. The link to her Distinguished Lecture below is for those who would like to hear the information first-hand before our meeting. No time? No problem. Come join the conversation. While her talk is for an educational community, her definitions, steps, considerations easily apply to moving religious settings towards cultures of equity. Amante-Jackson's talk: https://youtu.be/EP4pSqwOQrs.

April 12th 5 pm - 6 pm

https://zoom.us/j/98688698406?pwd=UFNRMmdGUkJxNHpxenBMZWF1SUJmdz09

Meeting ID: 986 8869 8406 Passcode: 227897

Phone in at: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

The Proposed UUA 8th Principle - Donna Schlachman

There is a small buzz around the proposed **8th Principle**. During the past few years, it has been adopted by numerous congregations across the country. The full text is in italics below.

Congregational adoption is a demanding process involving considerable reflection, self-examination and conversation. Everyone's engagement is critical in considering its adoption. The recently completed Social Justice Committee Survey is a piece of this work.

The 8th Principle says:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Social Justice Updates

BLUU - Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism

Since its inception, BLUU aimed to be a grassroots platform to encourage, inspire, engage, and motivate Black people in their pursuit of liberation from systemic oppression in general and white supremacy in particular. We've grown to be a place where Black UUs can expand their power and capacity within our faith, we minister to the particular needs of Black UUs, and we work together for justice and liberation.

At the heart of BLUU's work is *centering the needs of Black UUs and finding dynamic ways* to meet those needs while also leading folks on a journey of liberation that can be uncomfortable and unsettling. The hope is that we will always be there to help with love and joy, and creating space for accompaniment in everyday life.

To learn more, and to support the BLUU fund drive, see *https://blacklivesuu.org*.

Climate Action Team – Kathy Kassner

We celebrate Earth Day this month with numerous opportunities to learn and become involved in climate action. Here are just a few:

- Stop by our table at the **Pop-up Fundraiser** on **April 3rd** for **Tru Earth** eco-friendly products and learn ways to be an environmental steward.
- Join the Earth Month Eco challenge 2022 to learn about the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and commit to personal actions here https://earthmonth.ecochallenge.org/?email-all-mar9
- Before the end of the month, make your comments on NY's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act here https://climate.ny.gov. Not sure what to comment on, get some tips from Jen Metzger in this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIE4Uj93Vs4&t=2s or look at her slides https://nyforcleanpower.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/REVISED_2.25.22-Breaking-it-down_-Climate-Scoping-Plan-slides.pdf

Opportunities to be an Environmental Steward Respect for the interdependent web of all existence - UU 7th Principle

- When it is time to replace a gas stove or an auto, purchase an induction/electric stove or electric/hybrid vehicle.
- Replace a fossil fuel burning furnace with a heat pump or a geothermal system.
- Continue composting your food scraps, and bringing accepted items to the Terracycle Bin, behind the Sanctuary. Contact Karen Miller 845.399.2805

Next **Climate Action Team** meeting **Tuesday, April 19**th **at 5 pm**https://zoom.us/j/96954354063?pwd=STVOVENNVmJZMCtCN250TWRnam54dz09
+16465588656 Meeting ID: 969 5435 4063 Passcode: 096367

Social Justice Updates

Coming Back to Ulster County

People returning to Ulster County after having been incarcerated **need your help.**

Here's how...Elisa Winter is coordinating the special project of updating the resource book. She is looking for people to check **one page** of contact information by confirming data online, or by calling each place to confirm.

Many hands will make light work of this.

Please consider pitching in to update one page.

Contact Elisa at elwin12@icloud.com. Thank you!

Events at UUCC

One of the wonderful aspects about returning to in-person activities is the opportunity to once again have events in our Sanctuary.

Returning to UUCC is the **Ulster Country Folk Guild** on the first Saturdays of May and June to present their Open-Mic Sessons.

More information will be forthcoming.

UUCC Updates

from the **Buddhacats**

Karen Wyks-Lindsay

The Buddhacats are completing a 3-month journey into *The Wakeful Body* by Willa Blythe Baker, meeting the **first and third Mondays at 5 pm on Zoom.** People who have interest in and are familiar with the book are welcome to join the last two sessions. Others can contact Karen to let her know of their interest in joining the group when they reconvene after this month. For more information, contact kwykslindsay@gmail.com.

from the **Thirty Plus Group** (formerly Young Adults Group)

Erin Hilgart

The "Young Adults Group" is now the "Thirty Plus Group"

We have changed our name to better reflect who has been coming to our monthly meetups.

Who is the Thirty Plus Group?

We are socially conscious, spiritually curious, and seeking to connect with others in a meaningful way. We seek to be part of something greater than ourselves. We get together regularly and our activities range from thought-provoking to spiritually reflective to just-for-fun.

Do I have to be Thirty Plus to attend?

No. All are welcome.

Currently, most of our regular attendees are in their 30s and 40s, but all are welcome. In fact, while our events are usually focused on the social and spiritual needs of adults, Jane Podell, our RE Director, often joins to lead activities for the children while the adults gather. Grandparents and guests also regularly join our events.

Last month's Maple Syrup Meet-Up

In March, we met at Maple Ridge Bruderhof community for a pancake and Maple Syrup event. Six adults and four children attended (see photo from the day on the front panel of this mailing).

Save the Date: April 9th Meetup

We will meet at **Forsyth Park and Nature Center** in Kingston for the park's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on **April 9th, from 10 am to 12 noon.** It goes without saying that all children and families are welcome to join us. Contact Erin at Erin.Hilgart@gmail.com.

from the Women's Conversation Circle_

Joanne Steele

We meet via Zoom the fourth Tuesday, 7:30 pm to 9 pm, of every month Tuesday, April 26

Join Zoom meeting; https://zoom.us/j/98539336771 Meeting ID: 985 3933 6771

One tap mobile +16465588656,,98539336771# US (New York)

Dates to Gather

Sundays Grief Support Group 7 pm

If you would like to know more about this group, email

uuccoffice@gmail.com.

Thursday evenings Bedtime Story and More! 7 pm

*It's a peaceful, joyful time of connection.*Children and youth of all ages are welcome.

Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/99249467998

Friday, April 1 Soul Matters Friday Group 12 pm

Sunday, April 3 POP-UP Fundraiser (p. 7)

Monday, April 4 Buddhacats 5 pm (p. 14)

Monday, April 4 Soul Matters Monday Group 7 pm

Wednesday, April 6 Writing Group 5 pm on Zoom. Elissa elwin12@icloud.com

Thursday, April 7 First Thursday Hangout with Rev. Bob 11 am (p. 6)

Saturday April 9 Thirty Plus Group Meetup 10 am (p. 14)

Saturday, April 9 Cleanup at UUCC 10 am to 2 pm (p. 7)

Sunday April 10 Cleanup at UUCC 12:30 pm to 3 pm (p. 7)

(rain date, if needed, April 16 10 am to 2 pm)

Tuesday, April 12 Racial Justice Working Group 5 pm (p.11)

Monday, April 18 Buddhacats 5 pm (p. 14)

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Tuesday, April 19 Climate Action Team 5 pm (p. 12)

Saturday, April 23 Memorial Service Linda Mason LeBlanc 2 pm (p. 4)

Sunday, April 24 New Member Sunday

Sunday, April 24 RE Easter Can Hunt (p. 9)

Monday, April 25 Monday Night Bible 7 pm (p. 6)

Tuesday, April 26 Women's Conversation Circle 7:30 pm – 9 pm (p. 12)

Wednesday, April 27 Sermon Writing part 1 6:30 pm (p. 6)

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New Member Sunday 10:30 am Service LIVE at UUCC plus on Zoom 12:30 Easter Can Hunt 7 pm Grief Support Group	7pm Monday Night Bible	7:30 pm Women's Conversation Circle	6:30 pm Sermon Writing Part 1	7 pm Bedtime Story And More!		!

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