

UUCR offers many activities for members to work together to support the church, serve the larger community and enrich their own religious experience.

**Adult Spiritual Development** – Sessions are offered throughout the year and are led by the minister, lay ministers or other lay members. Contact: Karen Curnow – [karencurnow@verizon.net](mailto:karencurnow@verizon.net)

**Art & Aesthetics** – Sponsors visual arts activities in the church, including art displays and events. Committed to creating and maintaining an aesthetic environment that enhances the spiritual and community activities of the congregation. Contact: Jane Anthony or Sheila Barrows – [janthonyjane@comcast.net](mailto:janthonyjane@comcast.net), [sbarrows@aol.com](mailto:sbarrows@aol.com)

**Building & Grounds** – Oversees maintenance of our building, parking lot and landscaping. Contact: Bob Howard – [bob@wellbornmanagement.com](mailto:bob@wellbornmanagement.com)

**Building Expansion [BEC]** – charged with overseeing the new addition to be built onto the church with space for a more welcoming foyer, classrooms and accessible rest rooms. Contact: Keturah & Henry Collins - [hkcollins@comcast.net](mailto:hkcollins@comcast.net)

**Caring Circle** – Provides assistance to members in family emergencies and alerts the ministers to needs for pastoral care. Also provides receptions for memorial services. Contact: Tom Day – [thomas.r.day@accenture.com](mailto:thomas.r.day@accenture.com)

**Communications** – Publishes monthly newsletter and weekly Sunday bulletin announcements, improves and makes updates to web site, designs and publishes brochures. Contact: Ellen McClaran – [ellenmcclaran@verizon.net](mailto:ellenmcclaran@verizon.net)

**Covenant Groups** – Small groups of members who meet regularly to build relationships and grow spiritually. Groups also provide service to the church community. New groups are formed in response to expressed interest. Contact: Al Carlson - [carlson2@erols.com](mailto:carlson2@erols.com)

#### **Financial Affairs:**

The **Finance Committee** serves as the Board's resource for all UUCR fiscal matters, including budget preparation, stewardship of funds and fundraising. Contact: Bill Thomas – [billthomas4@verizon.net](mailto:billthomas4@verizon.net)

The **Endowment Committee** oversees the investment, maintenance and disbursement of UUCR's endowment fund composed of legacies from members. Contact: Bruce Anderson – [brucefraser@comcast.net](mailto:brucefraser@comcast.net)

The **Stewardship Committee** is charged with carrying out the annual pledge campaign, which takes place in March – April. Contact: Ed McClaran - [edmcclaran@verizon.net](mailto:edmcclaran@verizon.net)

**Green Sanctuary** – UUCR is a UUA- certified “Green Sanctuary Congregation.” The committee sponsors activities, worship services and educational programs that reinforce our commitment to sustainable environmental practices. The group also maintains UUCR's nature trail. Contacts: Peter Lubitz – [mogeelubitz@gmail.com](mailto:mogeelubitz@gmail.com) & Susan Forth – [suzyforth@yahoo.com](mailto:suzyforth@yahoo.com)

**Membership** – The committee provides welcome to visitors, orientations for newcomers and is concerned with issues relating to membership growth and member retention. Contacts: Abbie Edwards – [abbiedward@aol.com](mailto:abbiedward@aol.com) & Anne Welch – [annelwelch@aol.com](mailto:annelwelch@aol.com)

**Greeters** – Sunday morning greeters are trained to provide a warm welcome to visitors and to provide helpful information. Contact: Sterling Pilette - [spilette@comcast.net](mailto:spilette@comcast.net)

**Music** – The Music Committee supports the Music Director to provide a variety of music for our worship experience, including the **UUCR Singers** – our choir of vocalists, the **UUCR Ringers** – our bell & chime choir and the **UUCR Drum Circle**, a weekly drum meditation group. Contacts: Music Director: Mary Ann East – [music@uureston.org](mailto:music@uureston.org) Music Committee: Joyce Kirk - [jekreston@comcast.net](mailto:jekreston@comcast.net) Drum Circle: Laura Potter – [laura@E271.net](mailto:laura@E271.net)

**Religious Education** – UUCR's Religious Education [RE] program provides a framework for children to learn what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist and to develop their own religious identity. The curriculum also emphasizes the appreciation of our Judeo-Christian heritage and the study of world religions.

Our youth group [YRUU] provides activities, programs and community for teens. The RE Committee supports the program and sponsors social events for the RE community. Interested members are encouraged to volunteer as RE teachers or youth group leaders. Contacts: Director of Religious Education: Kathryn Rose – [dre@uureston.org](mailto:dre@uureston.org), RE Committee: Maria LeBerre – [maria@alumni.virginia.edu](mailto:maria@alumni.virginia.edu) YRUU: Mark Hamill - [markdhamill@gmail.com](mailto:markdhamill@gmail.com)

**Worship** – The committee supports all worship services and is responsible for one service each month and all summer services. Its goal is to inspire religious growth through a cooperative effort of music, ministers and religious education.

**Hospitality** – Volunteers provide simple refreshments following green, eco-friendly practices for the social gathering after Sunday services and maintain supplies in the kitchen. Contacts: Shauna McAuliffe – [shauna.mcauliffe@gmail.com](mailto:shauna.mcauliffe@gmail.com) and Babette Lamarre – [blamarre2k@gmail.com](mailto:blamarre2k@gmail.com)

**Social Justice** – Supports initiatives that promote social change in Northern Virginia. Major emphasis has been on participation in the VOICE [Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement] Task Force, an organization composed of various congregations that pool their efforts to lobby local governments on behalf of causes of significant social concern chosen by the group. Contact: TBD [Watch newsletter for meetings and events – [www.uureston.org](http://www.uureston.org)

UUCR also supports efforts to affirm bisexual, gay, lesbian, transgender and questioning persons and promote BGLTQ rights. BGLTQ Contact: Anne Thomas - [anneathomas@verizon.net](mailto:anneathomas@verizon.net)

**Social Action** – Supports social service programs both locally and globally. Major activities include:  
**Reston Interfaith** – UUCR actively supports this local organization through providing volunteers to the homeless shelter, participating in the annual Walk for the Homeless, donating backpacks for needy school children, and providing gifts through the Adopt-a-Family holiday program Contact: Becky Trachtman-[rtrachtman@verizon.net](mailto:rtrachtman@verizon.net). UUCR also sells tickets to its annual Capital Steps fundraiser. Contact:

Ann Youngren – [ayoungren@gmu.edu](mailto:ayoungren@gmu.edu)

**ESOL** – English for Speakers of Other Languages: UUCR initiated and provides volunteers for an evening learning program at Lake Anne School. Contact: Linda Holloway – [hollowaylinda@aol.com](mailto:hollowaylinda@aol.com)

**Alternative Gift Market** [AGM]: Supports charitable organizations both locally & globally. First Saturday in December. Contact: Judy Erickson-[aljudyerickson@comcast.net](mailto:aljudyerickson@comcast.net)

**Hypothermia Project:** Volunteers provide hot dinners and bag lunches for homeless people sheltered at the North County Government Center during winter months. Contact: Abbie Edwards - [abbiedward@aol.com](mailto:abbiedward@aol.com) or Ann Youngren - [ayoungren@gmu.edu](mailto:ayoungren@gmu.edu)

**The Closet** – UUCR provides volunteers to staff this thrift shop located in Herndon and supported by 17 area churches. Members are encouraged to donate clothing and household items. Contact: Becky Trachtman - [rtrachtman@verizon.net](mailto:rtrachtman@verizon.net)

**Works Sunday** – Volunteers perform maintenance work at a local Gabriel House [group home], stuff backpacks for school children and play Bingo at the homeless shelter. Annually in August. Contact: Peter Lubitz - [mogeelubitz@gmail.com](mailto:mogeelubitz@gmail.com)

**Jennifer Mitchell Scholarship Fund** – UUCR initiated and supports fundraising for annual scholarships to needy local students. Contact: Paul Baumgartner - [johngartner4@verizon.net](mailto:johngartner4@verizon.net)

**Special Collections:** Each month the committee proposes a charitable organization such as FISH to be supported by specially noted contributions in the Sunday plate offering or by check to the church. Committee volunteers plan activities and support the above programs.

### UUCR Regularly Scheduled Activities:

**Knitting as Meditation** – Tuesdays 10 to Noon. Beginners to expert knitters welcome. Contact: Dorothy Chambers – [DACHambers@cox.net](mailto:DACHambers@cox.net)

**Quilting** – Hand and machine quilters welcome. Displays quilted art annually in sanctuary. Contact: Connie Zink – [cwzink1@verizon.net](mailto:cwzink1@verizon.net)

**Souper Thursday** – Third Thursday of each month. A potluck lunch with homemade soup. Contact: Ed Nusbaum – [hollowaylinda@aol.com](mailto:hollowaylinda@aol.com)

**Women's Book Club** – 3rd Friday of each month at members' homes. Fiction & nonfiction selections. Contact: Ruth Grubb – [ruth.grubb@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.grubb@gmail.com)

**Pagan Spirit Circle** – Monthly Saturday evening meetings. Learn about & celebrate pagan rites & practices. [paganspiritcircle@verizon.net](mailto:paganspiritcircle@verizon.net)

**Films on Friday** – 1st Friday of the month. 7:30pm Refreshments and interesting, usually foreign film selections. Contact: Judith Loomis – [loomisdesigns\\_1992@yahoo.com](mailto:loomisdesigns_1992@yahoo.com)

**Endless Cup Coffee House** – Poets & musicians from UUCR and the larger community perform the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. 8-10 pm. \$5.00 donation. Contact: Joyce Kirk - [jekreston@comcast.net](mailto:jekreston@comcast.net)

**Mindfulness Meditation** – Tues. evenings. 8-week sessions. Study and practice of meditation. Contact: Martha Patterson – [marthapatterson@gmail.com](mailto:marthapatterson@gmail.com)

**Pancake Breakfasts** are offered on Sunday mornings four times a year. Contact: Dan Beavin - [Daniel.Beavin@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Daniel.Beavin@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**Fall Auction** – major fun/fundraiser in November.

**Scandinavian Dinner** offered each December.

**Community Yard Sale** – June fundraising event.

# Welcome to UUCR

## There's a Place for You in Our Church



Find Community ...

Make Connections ....

Make a Difference ....

Have Fun

Opportunities for Involvement ..

Committees ...

Activities ...

Events ...

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