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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### FEBRUARY THEME: IDENTITY

**February 5:** Dolores Thompson, president emerita of the Huntington NAACP, will share insights into the many valuable contributions the Branch has made over three decades to the life and vitality of the greater Huntington Community. Isabella on piano

**February 12: "Unitarian Universalist Identity"** Do you have your elevator speech? You know, the one where you share, in around 90 seconds, what Unitarian Universalism is and why you are a UU? We will explore what UU identity means, revisit our theological framework Rev. Jude preached on last fall, and explore our community of UU identity. Starr Austin, preaching; choir singing.  
*Second Sunday Potluck after the service.*

**February 19: "Broken Hearts"** In some ways, spirituality is about living our ideals; yet ideals are rarely experienced fully in life. How do we live faithfully when our hearts are heavy from disappointment? Rev. Jude preaching; Isabella on piano.

**February 26: "Tender Hearts in Tough Times"** We aspire to live our UU values and principles with a generosity of spirit. In order to be tenderhearted in tough times we need to learn how to deal with conflict, be culturally competent and communicate effectively. Dr. Janice Marie Johnson preaching; choir singing.  
*Dr. Janice Marie Johnson serves as Multicultural Ministries and Leadership Director at the UUA. She guides strategic initiatives to expand congregational and individual capacity to be welcoming and inclusive. She is deeply committed to building bridges across all kinds of difference. On a personal note, Janice finds boundless joy in her growing relationship with her 2-year old granddaughter, Simone.*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER



Are you new to our Fellowship and want to hear past sermons? Or maybe you're traveling a lot and can't make it to the Fellowship every week? We post podcasts of my sermons online to our website at <http://www.uufh.org/worship/sunday-services/podcasts>. At present, a little over two dozen sermons are recorded and stored on our website. They are also searchable on iTunes. "Print copies" of sermons are online as well, or you can always call the office and ask for a copy to be printed for you if websites are hard to read. We're trying to help all of our members and friends have access to our messages whatever your needs are. If you need a hand, please do reach out.

*I will be away on vacation, January 30 through February 13. During that time our Pastoral Care team will continue to be available to support our community. They will also be able to reach out to local UU clergy in the case of a more significant need for ministerial support should more help be needed. Gerri Farrell, our Pastoral Care Co-Chair, is available by cell during this time for emergencies as well. ~ Warmly, Rev. Jude*

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In our religious education program, we strive to create lifelong UU identity. This means creating a sense of belonging, safety, connection and relationship all while learning UU theology, history, sources, principles and congregational polity. It is through the relationship and community building that we reach our children and youth and plant seeds we hope will bloom into a vibrant, well-nurtured UU faith.



At best, we have 78 hours a year—assuming you never miss a Sunday and are present for worship and RE classes every week—to do this work in the congregational setting. You can see why regular and consistent attendance is so important! Still, 78 hours a year isn't very much time to begin to understand our UU faith and foster a sense of identity as a UU.

This is where you come in: identity building happens 7 days a week. This is true whether you are trying to help your child see themselves as an environmentalist or a Unitarian Universalist. Identity is something we learn and claim as we grow because of the small details of daily life. This is why so much of my work is focused on supporting our families through publications such as the Parent Guide, a monthly themed newsletter, and our weekly Catch the Spark e-mails. We also have a lending library and I am available to talk with you any time you wish.

In the words of the congregational field staff of the southeast region of the UUA:

*"FAITH DEVELOPMENT IS ALL WE DO*

*UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM IS ALL WE TEACH*

*THE CONGREGATION IS THE CURRICULUM" ~ In Faith, Starr Austin*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"People doing good!" Not to start an uproar from the linguists in our membership—you know who you are—I assure you that in this case I'm using good as a noun. I'm feeling some of the same apprehension that so many of us are experiencing at large and I've decided that to counteract those feelings I'm going to put into action one good thing. This is born out of a thought I had when both of my kids participated in their Growing UUp ceremonies. In this youth program the children are asked to identify the UU Principle that they most strongly connect with. For me, it's our seventh Principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." As such I'm taking the steps to start the "7th Principle Committee" or 7PC dedicated to actions that support this principle.

The first thing I'd like to enact is Styrofoam recycling. Although the Town of Huntington has an excellent recycling program, Styrofoam is not included in residential pick up and has to be dropped off at the recycling center on New York Avenue. Making individual trips to the recycling center can be inconvenient and inefficient so we'll make available to everyone that you can bring your Styrofoam to the Fellowship when you come to Sunday service or any other event. The 7PC will supply a bin for collecting Styrofoam, and when it's full we'll organize drop offs at the recycling center. We'll need a few volunteers to help facilitate the drop off, so if you are around Huntington during the week and able to assist or would like to participate in any of these efforts let me know. I feel better already! ~ **Michael Amendola**

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

"Give me a topic to write about," I said to my daughter. "What do you mean?" she asked. "A topic. Any topic." Looking out the window, she said, "lawnmowers." "Hmmm," I said, "I'm not sure I can get a Beacon column out of lawnmowers. Do you have another one?" "Fake news," she said. My daughter interned in college for an organization called [factcheck.org](http://factcheck.org), which does exactly what its name suggests. She's not the only one who's increasingly troubled by the growing reach of "fake news" on the internet. "Fake news" used to just be your nutty relative sending nutty chain emails full of conspiracy theories and urban legends. Now "fake news" comes packaged in legitimate-looking news sites on the internet. Some of it is intended to misinform, and some is just "click bait" intended to increase page views (and thereby sell ads). The troubling converse is the labeling of legitimate news sources as "fake news," as CNN was in a recent press conference. Liberals are not immune to the lure of fake news that reinforces our existing beliefs.

Our fourth principle calls us to "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning." In our new political reality, a responsible search for truth might mean getting our facts right, double-checking that news story from a site we've never heard of before sharing it on Facebook, and supporting legitimate journalism with our wallets. I enjoy Facebook, but I'm troubled by the way it allows people to live in a bubble of like-minded people, finding reinforcement and support for their pre-existing views. And unfortunately, it seems that respectful dialogue with people who hold different views is nearly impossible on social media; I'm not sure whether it's the nature of the format or simply human nature. But perhaps we can take small steps toward greater civility by being wary of consuming or sharing fake news. ~ *Elisa Fante*

## **TREASURER AND FINANCE**

### **HAVE QUESTIONS? WANT INFORMATION AND/OR TO ADD YOUR INPUT?**

We have a number of "events" going on the next few months in which people can find out about the inner workings of the UUFH. In basically all of these a person can either simply observe and find out what is going on, can ask questions, and also be able to give input. This list is by no means complete, but these are some that have significance, at least in my purview:

The one coming up soonest is the Committee Chairpersons Forum at 12:15 on February 5 (see page 4 for more info). The first part of our Annual Congregational meeting is at 12:15 on April 23, with the second part scheduled for June 11.

We will have a Budget & Finance forum on May 21, currently scheduled at 11:45 (may be pushed back to accommodate teachers so they can attend). As well as reviewing the proposed budget, we can also discuss questions and/or concerns on your mind as to financial matters regarding the UUFH. Even if you do not have specific questions or concerns, and want to give suggestions, or just listen, you are more than welcome to attend.

And last, but not least on this list, though it will be happening in a few weeks, we (the Finance team) will start on the 2017-'18 budget. We have our first meeting scheduled, and from there will pick dates to follow that the majority of the team can attend. To set expectations, there will *not* be a lot that will be done to craft the new budget, but is more of a look at where we are, and get a feel of what the situation and any challenges may be, and have a broad discussion. It will be in the further meetings that we get more into the weeds. All that have an interest in attending have been welcomed prior. However, I wanted to make sure to publicize this as much as possible as we really do encourage people to attend.

It is currently scheduled to be at Jean Marra's home at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 8. However, the one ask that I have for people outside the Finance team that wish to attend, is to RSVP. That is for the simple reason that should we get a good number of people, we may need to move it to either another home, or to the UUFH itself. So if interested in attending at least the initial meeting, please either email me at: [bdarcohen@hotmail.com](mailto:bdarcohen@hotmail.com) or call my home at 631-261-6139. If you would like to attend, but just can't attend that one, please let me know, as the following meetings will be shortly thereafter, and may not make future editions of the Beacon.

On a separate note, thanks for those that recently contributed to the Ministers Discretionary Fund and to the gifts for the staff. Thank you all. ~ *Brian Cohen, Treasurer*

**THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION FOR THE KIND AND GENEROUS HOLIDAY GIFT. IT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**  
~ *All of the staff*

## **LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES EXCITING NEW PLAN**

Last spring the Board of Trustees (BOT) wrote a charge to reinstate the Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee with the specific task for us to come up with a plan to promote UUFH growth and sustainability. Our committee has been meeting since July 2016, which we have reported on in previous Beacons, and we're happy to present our goals and action plans. What we realized early on is that our Mission Statement already tells us what we need to do: *In religious community, we nurture our individual spirits through caring for one another and helping to heal the world.* We can't think of a better time to recommit to that Mission. As the world faces many challenges, the UUFH can be a beacon of hope to those seeking a safe and welcoming place to come together. By sharing our Mission, Vision and UU principles we can make a difference and thrive as a congregation. And we have action plans in place, which have been approved by the BOT, to help make that happen.

We presented our plan at the Committee on Ministry Forums on January 15 and 25. We'll have a broader conversation at the BOT Liaison-Chair Forum on February 5 at which we'll discuss how each committee will intentionally envision, investigate, implement and promote one new Mission- and/or Vision-related project no later than March 15. In May, we'll have a celebration Sunday to highlight what each committee has done. This month, we're also meeting with Membership to share what we've learned from other congregations, and also with Communications and Social Justice to discuss what specific groups we can reach out to with our Mission and Vision. Another aspect of our plan is to help the UUFH develop a congregation-wide outreach project like HiHi, which we will vote on in the fall and pursue for 2017-'18.

We will be sharing more details about all of this in the coming weeks. Since LRP is now an ongoing committee, note that these are just our first steps in developing plans that will help us to meet the BOT's charge. We're excited to share the process and experience with you. As always, feel free to contact any one of us with ideas or questions. We look forward to taking on this mission with you. ~ **Liza Burby, chair, Brian Cohen, BOT liaison, Sue McGovern, Peter Montemurro, Gerald Moss, Susan Peters, Frank Towne and Diana Weaving**

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FORUM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5**

Please plan to attend the Chairpersons Committee Forum on Sunday, February 5 at 12:15 in the Main Hall. Long-Range Planning and Personnel will be sharing important information; there will also be an opportunity for general discussion and questions. Personnel will present training on new legal requirements for staff hours and how these will necessarily impact committees' demands on staff time. Long-Range Planning will be sharing its congregation-wide plan, which includes as one goal to have each committee intentionally envision, investigate, implement and promote one new UUFH Mission- and Vision-related project this year. If you can't make it, please try to send another member of your committee so that every committee is represented. Bagels will be served!

## **CASTLE CARE 2ND SATURDAY SHARED MAINTENANCE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9AM – NOON**

Please join us to help keep our building in tip top shape. All types of jobs available, from simple straightening out to more complex tasks. We need "hands" to help. Contact Susan Peters. [speters@optonline.net](mailto:speters@optonline.net)

## **SPIRITUAL PRACTICE FOR FEBRUARY ~ IDENTITY**

### **BRING YOUR IDENTITY TO DINNER**

Identities love to come to dinner! Great-grandma's German pot roast. Aunt Audrey's pie crust recipe. Norwegian family Christmas and that awful lutefisk. The requirement that Great-grandpa's knife with the ivory handle be used to cut the turkey. And with these dinner table traditions, the old stories come out and we are able to tell ourselves into being once again.

So this month, you are invited to concoct an "Identity Dinner." Do it with your wider family and make it a way to pass on your traditions to the kids. Pull together your neighbors or even your Small Group. Simply, ask everyone to bring a dish, an heirloom and a story that celebrates a piece of your heritage and informs who you are to this day.

Some identities may feel under threat right now; make sure your dinner involves a commitment to help one another find safe harbor in your group and community.

## INVITATION TO SIGN THE UUA/UUSC DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE

Rev. Jude's sermon on Sunday, 1/29/17, "All Hands on Deck," <http://uufh.org/pdfs/Sermon-All-Hands-on-Deck-01-29-17.pdf> passionately calls out the recent immoral actions of our government's banning of refugees and Muslims and invites all of us to respond to the UUA/UUSC joint call to action.

"Our social justice, social action, social witness wing of our denomination – the UU Service Committee – was originally begun as an organization devoted to helping get survivors out and away from the Nazis during the occupation of Europe. It's in our very DNA. Yesterday, the UUA and the UUSC issued a joint call to action in the face of the growing barbarism coming out from our capital. The statement reads, *'At this extraordinary time in our nation's history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society. In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations. And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change – actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence. We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil. As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us. We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice. The time is now.'*"

You can read the complete pledge and sign the UUA Declaration of Conscience at the UUSC:

<http://connect.uusc.org//103112/2017-01-17/gpgn2>

## HONORING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) has developed into one of the world's most proactive organizations in addressing critical issues that we must face to combat the slow, and in some aspects, not so slow deterioration of our planet, with \$172M revenue (2016) and over 1.5M members (2015). In our very own UU Fellowship of Huntington we have several active EDF members. By happenstance, we learned that 50 years ago the EDF was born right here on Long Island. Many people do not realize this. It occurred to us that in the spirit of Living Our Values, it would be wonderful to celebrate this birth. As you may know, our Fellowship was in fact able to do that on December 3, 2016. The formative days of the EDF, that took place in 1966, involved a core group of citizens, scientists, lawyers, professors and bird watchers. Alarmed by species reductions, such as the osprey and the bald eagle, supported by a recent book, that now is a classic, Rachel Carson's *The Silent Spring*, the core group, against considerable odds and opposition by chemical companies, sought to ban the principal culprit, DDT. Within one year of EDF's creation, these outstanding environmentalists were able to have DDT outlawed in Suffolk County, one of the first municipalities in NY State (and probably in the United States) to take such action. Our very own Huntington Township soon followed.

With this background to work on, a confluence of favorable factors for undertaking a celebration evolved, culminating in a three-hour Celebration Event. Four of the EDF's management staff attended, two of whom were our principal guest speakers: Jim Tripp, their Senior Counsel, and Dr. Steven Hamburg, their Chief Scientist. In addition, Art Cooley, one of the two surviving members of the core group, addressed us as well through a brief video presentation. Under the rubric of "Past, Present and Future" the guest speakers fascinated the audience with their description of those early days and the techniques they use today to achieve consensus among the principal stakeholders involved in critical issues such as pollution and climate change.

Joining our EDF visitors and attendees at this event were representatives of our state, county and local governments. Each prepared a proclamation honoring the EDF, and we were pleased that our Fellowship was also honored with Certificates of Recognition from the Suffolk County Legislature and the Town Council of Huntington for our demonstrated focus on the environment. A spirited Q & A session was held, as well as an enjoyable and delightful "green" brunch.

Future environmental issues/action sessions are in the works. Tullio Bertoli, Brookhaven Township's Commissioner of Planning, Environment & Land Management has agreed to give a seminar on how we can deal with a number of specific Long Island issues. This event is scheduled for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2017, as well as the April 23 Sunday Service centering upon global environmental issues. Please mark these dates and events on your calendar. With the new situation unfolding in DC, and in State governments around the United States, we look forward to enlightening our congregation and communities as to what concrete actions we can take together to protect our most sacred home: Mother Earth. ~ **Spencer Ross & Ben Testa, Development Committee**



## LIVING OUR RELIGIOUS VALUES: SOCIAL JUSTICE

This year is just a month old, and already we have been called upon as Unitarian Universalists to raise up our voices while standing on the side of love. On Saturday, January 21, nearly 50 UUFH members and friends participated in the Women's Marches on Washington and NYC. Thanks to all those who stepped up! We ranged in age from 80-something down to a year old. Each of us, and the UUFH, became part of history, living out our UU Principles, especially the First Principle: The worth and dignity of each person. We marched for all people: women, LGBTQ persons, people of color, immigrants, the disabled, children, and the working poor.

If you were at a march in body or in spirit, please text the words "Count me" to 89800, to be included in the count!

We are also working to build and rebuild connections with like-minded organizations in our local communities: We have attended meetings hosted by LI Activists, LIPC, the Suffolk County and Huntington NAACP, and others. We need as many UUFHers to be involved as possible! We are also strengthening and developing our UUFH SJ Committee communications network. We intend to be ever more active both with other groups and independently. If you want to be part of our UUFH SJ communications and to receive emails and texts about our actions, email us at [socialjustice@uufh.org](mailto:socialjustice@uufh.org). ~ **Steve Burby and Diana Weaving, Co-Chairs, UUFH Social Justice**



## UUFH GROW TO GIVE GARDEN UPDATE

Good news! Last season a small group of UU gardeners planted, raised and donated about 800 pounds of organic vegetables and herbs to two local food pantries. From April through October our team worked to provide healthy food to individuals and families in need. We are proud of the certificate of appreciation we recently received from Long Island Cares. (See image left.)

A BIT OF HISTORY: In early spring 2016, with support from the UU BOW committee and generous donations from fellow UU's, we were able to buy much-needed tools and materials.

A small group of determined volunteers then worked to expand the garden, and to prepare the garden for planting. Our construction team erected a 7-foot deer fence around the perimeter, built and filled three additional raised beds (for a total of five beds), and spread compost and wood chips.

A BIG NEED FOR GOOD FOOD: There is a big need for the produce we grow... This season, 2017, we want to break our record, and donate 1,000 pounds of vegetables (or more). But to do this we need your support. We invite you to contribute in any way you can. If you can contribute your energy and time, please join us: no previous gardening experience necessary. We need committed volunteers of all ages to prepare the garden for planting; to water what we plant; to tend to weeds; to harvest; to package and deliver the harvest. And if you are not able to offer "hands-on" help, we need funds to buy expendable supplies and materials, seeds and plants. There are many ways to help. Perhaps you like to take pictures? Will you be the G2GG volunteer responsible for taking and sharing photos throughout the 2017 growing season? Step up. Let's work together to make the 2017 season the best one yet. ~ **Beth Feldman**



## THE COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PAGANS (CUUPS) & THE MIDWINTER CELEBRATION OF IMBOLC

Perhaps you are interested in celebrating the seasons, draw your spiritual inspiration from nature, like to get back to nature-based services, or are interested in how our ancestors and Earth-based societies around the world celebrate and observe life. If so, you might want to take in an event presented by our local UUFH chapter of CUUPS, a nationally based UU organization. We draw our inspiration from the 6<sup>th</sup> UU source: "Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature." We live the 7<sup>th</sup> UU principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." As such we meet seasonally to draw inspiration from nature and ground ourselves in Earth-based traditions. This month we are celebrating Imbolc (a midwinter celebration).

Everyone is invited to the Covenant of UU Pagans Imbolc (Midwinter) Celebration. It's now half way in between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Traditionally celebrated on February 2 we are celebrating Friday, February 3. This is a magical time when we bless candles (to fight off the darkness), traditionally Candlemas Day and look for signs of the coming of spring, Ground Hog's Day. It is also the time to honor Bridget, long-time goddess of Ireland and now St. Bridget, patroness of Ireland. She is the patroness of poets, the hearth, blacksmiths (creativity) and newborn babies and mothers. She fights for those who can't fight for themselves (like modern UUs). We will commemorate her by making Bridget's crosses, a traditional Irish craft,

from pipe cleaners and candle holders from play dough (for the kids). Come early and make some crafts. We will ask for a small contribution for the materials. Crafts start at 6:30 pm; program/ritual starts at 7:30 and desserts, snacks/coffee at 8:30. Bring some dessert or a snack to share. All are welcome, including children. ~ **Christine McDonald**

### THE FELLOWSHIP ART GALLERY

Our latest photography exhibit is entitled "Sacred Spaces" and is by professional photographer Michael Fairchild, who shared this with us: This is a collection of images that reflect my sense of spiritual locales around the world. The captions are from my journal entries when I saw these places. I started thinking about how many civilizations, over the ages, have built monuments of worship in their quest for spiritual immortality. These "Sacred Spaces" have often been aligned with the movements of the celestial bodies or Holy Cities. Some were prodigious labors of entire nations; some were whims of emperors. Others, like the UU Fellowship in Huntington, were the creation of a caring devout community. All were motivated by a desire to leave a durable legacy on the earth that proclaims, "How dear to me is your dwelling, Our Lord of Hosts!" ~ **Michael Fairchild**

### SORRY IF YOU MISSED IT!

We're sorry you missed the January 29 Annual Fellowship Appreciation Luncheon with the theme: "Invest in Y(our) Future, Put the Wind in Our Sails." It was a wonderful event and a chance to make your pledge for the 2017-'18 year. We can't do anything about your missing the superb lunch, entertainment and fun, but we still need you to make your pledge for the coming year. You will be contacted soon about pledging and we hope you'll be as generous as possible so our UUFH can grow and prosper. Please contact one of us if you have any questions. ~ **Canvass Committee: Jan Brenner, Joan Caly, Renee McGloin and Sue McGovern**

### UNsung HERO AWARD - UNSung HERO NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

We need your nominations for those Unsung Heroes at UUFH. The UUFH Unsung Hero Award was initiated in 1993. The Board made these selections until 1996 when a Volunteer Recognition Committee was formed to solicit ideas from the congregation and then suggest names to the Board. Since 1999, this committee has included the Unsung Hero Award recipients from the past year along with the Secretary of the Board. This year's Volunteer Recognition Committee is Marilyn Kopp-Hecker and Ann Scolnick as our 2016 Unsung Heroes and Kim Schultze as BOT Secretary. The committee's task is to request nominations for the award from the congregation. The award is presented annually to two UUFHers who spend countless hours at tasks that few people know about. The awards are presented at the Celebration Sunday in June. Please contact either Marilyn Kopp-Hecker, 631-427-4898, [mjkopp@optonline.net](mailto:mjkopp@optonline.net), Ann Scolnick, 631-549-8581 [annbern23@verizon.net](mailto:annbern23@verizon.net) or Kim Schultze, 631-897-1001, [kim.schultze@cbmoves.com](mailto:kim.schultze@cbmoves.com) with your 2017 Unsung Hero nominations.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE: CALL TO ACTION

Are you experiencing eco-anxiety? Do you believe all lives matter? Do you stand up social justice? Do you worry about the next 4 years? Let's join forces. Join a Community Organizing event on February 7 at 7pm at UUFH. Bring your friends. ~ **Birgit Woelker**



### SPLIT-THE-PLATE CHARITY FOR FEBRUARY: NAACP Back to School/Stay in School Program

The NAACP Back to School/Stay in School program provides students from elementary through high school with academic and social support. The overall goal is to enhance student success by reducing absenteeism and dropout rates, while also providing a higher level of academic and cultural enrichment. The first VP of the Huntington branch and education scholarship committee coordinator Irene Moore, a familiar voice at the UUFH, will speak to the congregation about the program and its activities at the February 5 service. Your generous support of this program will continue our tradition of supporting the advancement of our community's young people. ~ **Paul Glatzer, Social Justice Committee Member for Beyond Our Walls**

### THE THIRD RECONSTRUCTION



### FACILITATOR NEEDED TO LEAD DISCUSSIONS ON THE BOOK IN EARLY MARCH.

Join us and UUs around the globe in reading this year's common read, *The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by The Rev. Dr. William Barber II and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove (Beacon, 2016). Unitarian Universalists were electrified at General Assembly 2016 by Rev. Barber's call for building and sustaining a movement for justice for all people. The Third Reconstruction offers helpful, practical guidance for engaging with justice movements born in response to local experiences of larger injustices. Drawing on the prophetic traditions of the Jewish and Christian scriptures, while making room for other sources of truth, the book challenges us to ground our justice work in moral dissent, even when there is no reasonable expectation of political success, and to do the hard work of coalition building in a society that is fractured and polarized. Contact Starr Austin at [dre@uufh.org](mailto:dre@uufh.org).

## CALL FOR BEACON ARTICLES

### HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE BEACON

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We're looking for feature articles about committee work we do here at UUFH, with a focus on how we're all living our values. Tell readers what it means to you to work on committees like Social Justice, the Development Committee, HIHI, the Grow to Give Garden, the Gallery, Sunday Programming, Not Necessarily Seniors and more.

## ONGOING EVENTS & NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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