

# UUCRV NEWS

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## JULY 2019

### Monthly Schedule

7/5 – 10:30 **Board Meeting**

7/7 - Reverend Harden *“What I Learned at General Assembly”*, I will attend the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in late June. This is the annual national convention of UUs, where we do some business, hold some classes and discussions, and try to figure out who we are and what we care about as a denomination. I will report on some of what I observe and reflect on how it might be meaningful and/or useful to us here at Rock Valley. 12:00 – **Worship**

**Committee Meeting** 7/13 – *Laughter Yoga!* Jodell & Marty, 11:00 a.m.

7/14 - Touchstones Service with Lynda Johnson *Freedom and Responsibility*

7/21 – Rev. Harden

7/28 – Rev. Misha Sanders

8/4 – Rev. Harden

### **Committee Information**

*Worship:* Thank you to our pianist, Amy Phelps. Have a wonderful summer and we hope you will return to us in September.

The committee is looking forward to providing some interesting guest speakers throughout the upcoming church year.

We are especially excited to welcome last years committee members as well as a few other new ones that have expressed interest in participating in the Worship Committee. Our goal is to encourage our UUCRV Friends and Members to actively participate in our services. Perhaps you would like to give a message on something near and dear to your heart? Maybe being a worship associate one week is more ‘up your alley’? Possibly you know someone who would make an excellent guest speaker? If you have any ideas/suggestions contact Wendy Edgington.

*Birthdays*

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Erin Fisher

## The 8<sup>th</sup> Principle of Unitarian Universalism



*“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.”*

We voted at our Annual Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding adoption of The 8<sup>th</sup> Principle of Unitarian Universalism. With 18 members in attendance and 2 absentee ballots submitted, **the proposed adoption of the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle carried by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 opposed.**

As I have said before, our vote on this Principle is just the beginning. I am looking forward to learning what was shared at General Assembly, and what further guidance the UUA will be providing congregations with regard to the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle.

- This supports our goal to “Support and facilitate work on the Pillars of Beloved Community” which includes Multiculturalism. - Susan Busker

### General Assembly 2019 – Spokane, Washington

The Unitarian Universalist Association’s annual General Assembly was held June 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> in Spokane, Washington. Our minister, Allen Harden, attended and will be sharing with us about his experience during a service and, hopefully, at other times.



For those of you not able to attend, you can still share in some of the ceremonies, services and lectures by viewing these events via the UUA website at <https://www.uua.org/offsite/2019>

One event that I found exceptionally moving was the Ware Lecture presented by Richard Blanco. He wrote the inaugural poem for President Obama’s second inauguration and was the youngest and first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to ever do so. You can learn more about him and view the lecture at <https://www.uua.org/off-site/2019/ware>

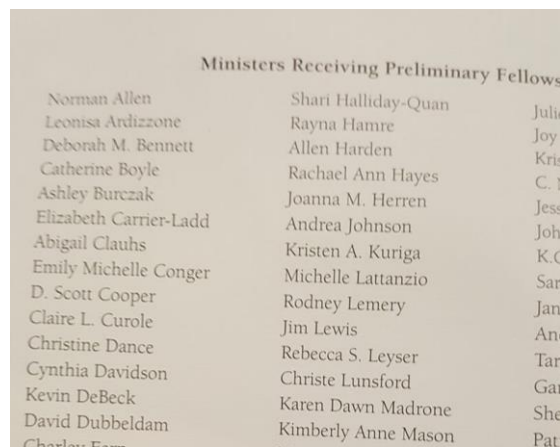
Another program I found especially inspiring and challenging was the Sunday morning service and, particularly the sermon given by the Rev. Marta I. Valentín. I think it would be a good experience if we could all watch it together sometime – the UUA recommends

this as a way for congregations to connect with the UUA General Assembly. Maybe our Worship Committee and Technology Committee can make that work out for us?!

- Susan Busker

### **Congratulations, again, Allen!**

Our Minister, Allen Harden, had his name called from the main stage at General Assembly during the Service of the Living Tradition as one of the ministers receiving preliminary fellowship from the UUA. Congratulations again, Allen – glad to see you being celebrated by your peers and the greater UU community! - Susan Busker



### **Annual Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Our Annual Meeting was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the service. Eighteen members participated in the meeting in person, with two members casting their votes by Absentee Ballot as now allowed in our Bylaws.

Besides the vote regarding adoption of the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle, members cast votes on these other issues as required in our Bylaws:

The 2019-2020 Board of Trustees was presented by the Nominating Committee with 20 votes to accept the slate



as presented and 0 opposing votes. The new Board of Trustees for the next church year will be:

**Wendy Edgington – President**  
**Paulette Lucas – Vice-President**  
**Denny Broderick – Secretary**  
**Nina Herzer – Treasurer**  
**Connie Matusiak – Trustee**

*Congratulations to the new Board members – we are grateful for your willingness to serve and extend appreciation to those who are remaining on the Board for the next year!*

- The Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 was accepted by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 opposed:

Diane Busker  
Gloria Shafer  
Lynda Johnson

*Thank you for agreeing to serve in this capacity to help ensure the leadership of this congregation in the future!*

The Proposed Budget for the 2019-2020 church year was presented by Nina Herzer, Treasurer and Finance Chairperson, and was accepted by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 opposed.

*Thank you to Nina and the Finance Committee for their diligent attention to our stewardship and budgeting to help this congregation remain financially healthy!*

- Susan Busker



## Our Monarch Butterfly Garden Is Installed (and in use)!

Thanks to all who have donated to the Monarch Garden fund over the last months! It was installed in June with the following elements:

Plants to serve as hosts for caterpillars:  
Common Milkweed and Swamp Milkweed for Monarchs and dill and parsley for Swallowtails (though apparently the dill was tasty to some other creatures and has disappeared!).



- ✦ Flowering plants to provide nectar for butterflies and other pollinators, including zinnias and native flowers.

- ✦ A Butterfly Puddler containing a mixture of sand and soil to provide water with minerals for butterflies to drink. It is recommended that a butterfly model be placed near the puddler to attract the real butterflies.



- ✦ After a hummingbird was seen checking out the garden, a hummingbird feeder and mandevilla hanging basket were added.









Just a week later we found a Monarch caterpillar on one of the Swamp Milkweed plants! While our garden is small and young, it is a start, and is already helping support butterflies who visit our church yard!

- Susan Busker



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