



# The Quest

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION AT SHELTER ROCK  
*We aspire to be a loving religious community where we can grow spiritually and build a more just and joyful world.*



March 29, 2023  
Monthly Theme:  
**Vulnerability**

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023, 11:00 AM**

Rev. Dr. Natalie M. Fenimore

**Resisting Oppression** The Jewish Passover story tells of a journey from slavery to freedom. This journey continues for many people and communities today. Can we find ourselves in solidarity with those who are resisting oppression? \*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023, 11:00 AM**

Rev. Jaye Brooks

**The Open Heart** The Christian celebration of Easter centers on an opening—a stone rolled away, a new era beginning. In the human heart, is there a stone that keeps us from change, from renewal? How do we roll that stone away, so that we greet each new day with an open heart? This is a family service with children present for the entire time. The Easter Egg Hunt follows Worship Service.\*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023, 7:30 PM**

Erol Delos Santos, Student Minister

## SOULFUL SUNDOWN AT SHELTER ROCK

WHERE MUSIC RESIDES AT THE HEART OF THE RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

**Soulful Sundown** offers spoken word woven with music from the Cosmic Orchestra. Guest musical artist Jonah Smith will be featured at onsite-only Coffee House afterward with coffee, tea, and cookies. FREE and open to all. \*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023, 11:00 AM**

Rev. David Carl Olson

**Earth, Teach Me** Followed by Blooming & Belonging Membership Renewal Celebration and Luncheon. \*

\* UUCSR's Worship Services are onsite and livestreamed on [uucsr.org/worship](https://uucsr.org/worship), Facebook, and YouTube; available thereafter on the same platforms and as podcasts ([www.uucsr.org/podcast](https://www.uucsr.org/podcast)) Also aired on NSTV.

## TOUCHSTONES

Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore



Forsythia, crocus, daffodils... spring is here. True, it may snow again but spring will not retreat. And we must not retreat either—we must embrace this season of change, growth, and renewal. It's been a long three years of Covid pandemic "winter." And while Covid is not gone, it can now feel that the suffocating isolation of the pandemic closures has lifted enough that we can see the road forward. We can pick up some of the plans dropped in order to concentrate on survival.

What would you like to see springing forth in this congregation? In your life? What would be liberating? Empowering? Connecting?

Look forward to these spring celebrations at UUCSR:

- Blooming & Belonging Membership Renewal Celebration and Luncheon—affirming your membership for 2023–2024—begins on April 16—look for more information to come.
- All-Congregation Retreat takes place over the Memorial Day weekend and is a chance for the UUCSR community to gather for fun and fellowship—come and gather with old friends and meet new friends.

This spring our Muslim, Jewish, and Christian neighbors and friends will celebrate Ramadan, Passover, and Easter. Our wish is for each community to know the joy of their time of deep religious and cultural reflection.

Ramadan Mubarak | Chag Pesach Samech | Happy Easter

## Inquirers

### NEWCOMERS PROGRAM

For visitors, newcomers, and new members.

**Sunday, April 23 | 12 noon**

**Sunday, April 30 | 10 am**

Please see calendar for details



## SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Claire Deroche, Social Justice Coordinator



**The Legislative Process From an Insider**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2023 | 7:00 PM**  
Via Zoom.

Do you ever wonder if letters and calls to legislators really make a difference? Join members of the New York Unitarian Universalist Justice network to find out. Guest speaker, Elissa Kane has 30+ years

of policy and advocacy experience in high-profile and fast-paced government, political, and non-profit environments. She has empowered individuals, organizations, and communities to do their best and most meaningful work. She's the new Deputy Commissioner of the City of Albany's new Department of Neighborhood & Community Services and most recently worked in the office of New York Assemblymember Patricia Fahy as her Chief of Staff. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/NYUUJElissa>

**Volunteer in the Roosevelt Community Garden**  
**59 E Fulton Ave, Roosevelt, NY 11575**  
**Third Saturdays Monthly | 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

Are you looking for a hands-on opportunity to be of service? Are you wondering how UUCSR will enact the Eighth Principle? This might be the opportunity you're looking for. Volunteer help would be welcome in such activities as weeding the common areas of the garden (not in any of the raised beds), maybe some planting to beautify those areas, and perhaps assisting with activities for the children. Because of the size of the garden and the number of gardeners, we are limited to 10 volunteers at a time, so first come, first served. For more information and to register [click HERE](#).

**Read and discuss *Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do*** by Jennifer L. Eberhardt, PhD  
Online with the UUCSR Racial Justice book group  
Please see back page this *Quest*.

## LONG ISLAND AREA COUNCIL (LIAC)



**2023-2024 LIAC Student Internship Program: UU Faith in Action for UUs Up to Age 25.**

Application deadline for paid positions: May 18, 2023. Student Activity Fund (SAF) is a grant program funded by the Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program

at Shelter Rock that enables high school seniors and college students to perform significant service to the community while earning money to help finance their education. The program is sponsored by the Long Island Area Council of UU Congregations (LIAC). Apply online at the [LIAC UU website](#).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Carson Jones, Lifespan Religious Education Coordinator



**April Fools' Bedtime Stories!**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2023 | 7:00 PM**  
Live on Zoom [HERE](#)

On the first Wednesday of the month, all are welcome to join Carson Jones for this special interactive storytime. This month, he reads three, family-friendly stories celebrating April Fools!

- *April Fool, Phyllis!*, written by Susanna Leonard Hill and illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler
- *Judy Moody and Friends: April Fools'*, Mr. Todd! (Chapter 1—April Fish and Spaghetti Trees), written by Megan McDonald and illustrated by Erwin Madrid
- Excerpts from *Ellie May on April Fools' Day*, written by Hillary Homzie and illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

**All Are Invited to Celebrate Easter with RE! Feasts & Festivals: Egg Tree Crafting Party | Sunday, April 2, 2023 | 11:00 AM | Room 15**



Hippety-hoppety, beloveds! All RE families and volunteers are invited to join us for the third of our quarterly Feasts and Festivals all-RE events! (OWL for Grades 8 and 9 meets as usual.) We're decorating and coloring eggs and ornaments for the cherished Egg Tree that is a perennial part of the Easter Worship Service the following Sunday, and we'll enjoy a festive springtime snack!

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday, April 9, 2023 | 12:00 PM | UUCSR Grounds**

Just after the Family Easter Worship Service, all families are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Come meet the Easter Bunny before and after Worship, and bring friends! Regular RE classes resume on April 23, 2023.

## MILESTONES

**We bring our compassion and attentiveness to** Margaret Logan who has requested prayers for her 27-year-old grandson, Tyler. Tyler was recently diagnosed with tetraplegia, a form of lower body paralysis.

**So that you may be in touch...** The telephone number for the nursing home where James Kle is in rehabilitation has been changed to 516.740.9900. James welcomes your calls.

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Learn about Programs and Events at Shelter Rock!

In addition to the programs and events highlighted on this page, there are opportunities for both Shelter Rock members AND members of the community that may be found in several ways:

Visit [uucsr.org/calendar](https://uucsr.org/calendar) for additional event information including login or registration requirements, if necessary

OR

Visit [MYUUCSR Sign Ups](https://uucsr.org/signups) on [uucsr.org](https://uucsr.org) to sign up

OR

Download the UUCSR app from Apple App Store or Google Play Store to your smart phone for fast, complete calendar information, sign up information, Online Directory, and more. Download "Church Center App (Planning Center)" and choose UUCSR for a quick link to all things underway at UUCSR!

AND

You may soon follow articles written by UUCSR members and friends that are shared as blog content on [uucsr.org](https://uucsr.org). You'll find two existing blogs by Green Sanctuary and Veatch Program with the addition of Social Justice, Denominational Affairs and Women's Group blogs planned in the new website.

[Denominational Affairs \(DAC\) Updates](#)  
[Green Sanctuary Articles](#)  
[UU Veatch Program](#)

Watch for expanded app offerings and a new [UUCSR.org](https://uucsr.org) website. Questions, comments, and assistance navigating new options are available. Call 516.472.2980 or [communications@uucsr.org](mailto:communications@uucsr.org).

### Featured Events

#### Thursday, March 30, 2023

Deadline for registration for **UU@UN International Spring Seminar** to be held April 1–3, 2023, in Minneapolis in person and online. The theme this year will be "Demilitarization and Abolition: Resist Policing and Empire." Register [HERE](#).

#### Friday, March 31, 2023, 6:30 PM

**LGBTQ+ Gathering** Topic: What do you remember about your old neighborhood? Led by Maryellen Pierce. Do you feel nostalgic about the good or ready to forget the bad? [Zoom Here](#)

#### Sunday, April 2, 2023, 1:00 PM

**Music and Performing Arts at Shelter Rock presents Nathaniel LaNasa** pianist: The Goldberg Variations. Onsite donation: \$5. Children FREE. Also online. Register at [uucsr.org/23Piano](https://uucsr.org/23Piano).

#### Friday, April 7, 2023, 7:00 PM

**TGIF: JourneyDance** is a transformational dance form leading to self-discovery, letting go, and joy, through free-style movement with very light structure and great music. Bring your open mind and heart! Absolutely no dance experience is necessary. Registration and information at [uucsr.org/23DanceTGIF](https://uucsr.org/23DanceTGIF)

#### Saturday, April 8, 2023, 1:00 PM

**The Common Read 2022-2023: *Mistakes and Miracles*** led by Erol Delos Santos. Registration and details at [uucsr.org/23cr](https://uucsr.org/23cr)

#### Saturday, April 8, 2023, 5:30 PM

**Annual Unitarian Universalist Intergenerational Seder at Shelter Rock.** Details and registration at [uucsr.org/23Seder](https://uucsr.org/23Seder)

#### Saturday, April 15, 2023

**Organic Garden Sign-Up Deadline** Visit [uucsr.org/23garden](https://uucsr.org/23garden)

#### Sunday, April 16, 2023, 12 Noon

**Blooming & Belonging Member Renewal Celebration & Luncheon**

#### Sunday, April 16, 2023, 1 PM

**AARP Get Smart About New Vehicle Technology** Details and registration at [uucsr.org/23aarp](https://uucsr.org/23aarp)

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#### Sunday, April 23, 2023, 12 PM

**Inquirers Newcomers Program:** Social Justice and Expectations of Membership with Claire Deroche and Ministry Team. Onsite and online. Details and registration on [uucsr.org/calendar](https://uucsr.org/calendar).

#### Saturday, April 29, 2023, 6:30 PM

**TRU STORY Find Your Musical Tell YourStory** in the Worship Room. Presented by Social Justice Committee and Mental Health Sub-Committee. Admission: \$20. Proceeds to benefit NAMI Queens/ Nassau. Details and tickets at [uucsr.org/23tru](https://uucsr.org/23tru)



## 24<sup>TH</sup> Memorial Day Weekend All-Congregation Retreat

For details and registration, visit [uucsr.org/23retreat](https://uucsr.org/23retreat)



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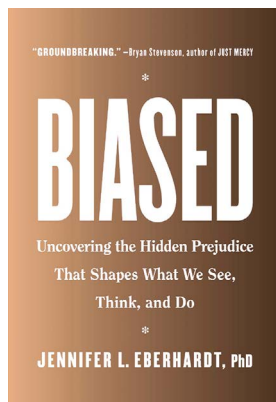
Next Quest: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | Deadline for Content: Thursday, April 6, 2023



**Book Discussion Via Zoom with the UUCSR Racial Justice Book Group**  
**Saturdays: April 22, 29, and May 6, 13, 2023 | 1:00 PM**

You don't have to be racist to be biased. Unconscious bias can be at work without our realizing it, and even when we genuinely wish to treat all people as equals, ingrained stereotypes can effect our visual perception, attention, memory, and behavior. Join a group of friendly readers as we work our way toward understanding bias. All are encouraged to read the book. At our meetings, we'll take turns summarizing a chapter followed by group discussion. The book group will be led by UUCSR member, Patti Paris. Please register at [uucsr.org/23biased](https://uucsr.org/23biased). You will receive the Zoom link in the confirmation email.

Books are available from the UUCSR Bookstore and online from Black Owned Bookstore, The Lit Bar, Amazon, Google Books, and Kindle.



**Correction:** The March 15, 2023 edition of *The Quest* contained an error in the Ministerial Search Committee column on page 2. Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore was listed with members of the Committee, but is, in fact, an invited guest in an advisory role, as needed. Please accept our apologies for the error.

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