

# Summer 2019 Services

Join us over the summer. As you can see from the listings, we are anticipating another wonderful summer of worship at UUCDC. The service topics are varied and interesting, and we hope you will attend. Childcare will be available. We also have opportunities for people to serve as greeters, ushers, and hospitality hour hosts so please call the church office if you'd like to volunteer. Please submit all announcements to the Digest at [digest@uucdc.org](mailto:digest@uucdc.org). **Summer services begin at 10 am unless otherwise noted.** Our Ingathering Service will take place at 10 am on September 8th, as we kick off the new church year.

*Remember to bring back a stone from your summer travels, activities, or home to participate in the Blessing of the Stones ritual at Ingathering.*

## **June 23: Antonia Bell-Delgado: Beauty: Betwixt and Between**

What do we do when we aren't quite there yet? Do we worry? Do we push studiously onward? Do we dream about the future and reminisce about the past? There is a preciousness in the moments of in between. There is a beauty to be explored. We will explore the beauty of liminal spaces this Sunday, Beauty: Betwixt and Between.



*Antonia Bell-Delgado is a second-year seminarian at Meadville Lombard Theological School. Antonia is an Aspirant for Ministry in the Unitarian Universalist Association. Xe is also a Learning Fellow at the Church of the Larger Fellowship and an Intern Chaplain at Paoli Hospital. In the fall, Antonia will be the Intern Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Montclair, New Jersey. Antonia's home congregation is First Unitarian Church of Wilmington, De. Xe is one of their sponsored seminarians. Antonia is a genderqueer person whose pronouns are Xe (ze) and Xyr (zer). Xe is married to xyr wife, Carmen and has two children, Kerri and Everett. Xe has one grandchild Yamariz (Yah-Mar-Eez).*

## **June 30: GA Service**

**Rebroadcast of UUA General Assembly Sunday Service 10 am-11:30 am**

*(Held in the downstairs Children's Chapel)*

## **July 7: Latifah Griffin: What does it mean to be a people of Humanity?** (1st of a 2-part series)

Latifah Griffin, a third-year seminarian from Lancaster Theological Seminary, will bring forth a message of hope while reflecting on her time in Palestine and exploring our commonalities as humans. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Society is divided on how we treat certain humans. So how can we as people of the collective human race begin to understand and appreciate our commonalities and respect our differences, so that we may begin to have a dialogue about how to live and love in a just society for all?



*Latifah Griffin is a third-year seminarian at Lancaster Theological Seminary. She was raised in Chester, Pa and works as a psychotherapist to empower those to find their voice and strength to take control of their lives. Latifah was baptized in the Baptist tradition as a teenager and after a long discernment process, she found a new spiritual home at First Unitarian Church of Wilmington in 2018.*

### **July 14: Heather Petit: The Unnamed Rune**

Choosing to not know, and to believe that not knowing is the right thing for now, is difficult in a world in which we can Google anything. Getting even less information than we expect, like drawing a blank rune in our personal divination, can be especially challenging. How do we choose to accept the unnamed rune when we are looking for answers?



*Heather Petit is a UU seminarian and Aspirant to UU ministry entering her final year at Lancaster Theological Seminary. She is passionate about transforming the American Corporate Workplace into beloved community, and in the intersection of human experience design and liturgical theology. She currently works as an IT consultant, and lives in Newark, DE, with her husband and four children.*

### **July 21: Antonia Bell-Delgado: Good-ish**

Be good. That has been the sage advice that parents have passed down to children for generations. Is being a good person the gold standard? Do we have it all wrong? This Sunday, we will explore the merits of being good.

### **July 28: Heather Petit: Moving In**

Endless self-help books and memes encourage us not to 'settle,' not to choose less than what we truly deserve in life. And yet perfection is rare and ephemeral, and missing out on today by always searching for a different life seems a poor trade. How do we balance the need to find our best lives with the willingness to move fully into the lives that we have?

### **August 4: Latifah Griffin: What does it mean to be a people of Humanity?** (2nd of a 2-part series)

Latifah Griffin, a third-year seminarian from Lancaster Theological Seminary, will bring forth a message of hope while reflecting on her time in Palestine and exploring our commonalities as humans. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Society is divided on how we treat certain humans. So how can we as people of the collective human race begin to understand and appreciate our commonalities and respect our differences, so that we may begin to have a dialogue about how to live and love in a just society for all?

### **August 11: Antonia Bell-Delgado: Why Sacrifice?**

This Sunday is the beginning of Eid Al Adha for Muslims. This holiday explores the value of sacrifice. It is said that the prophet Abraham was willing to sacrifice everything for the Lord. Everything? We will explore the magnitude of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice everything for God and examine what we think is important enough to warrant sacrifice.

### **August 18: Chrissy Bushyager: It is our choices, Harry...**

How do we as UUs make meaning? Where do we get inspiration and how do we choose what to believe? How do we share those beliefs with others? We'll ask Alexa and seek meaning from Albus, Harry, and the whole gang.



*Chrissy Bushyager is currently serving as UUCDC's Director of Religious Education. She loves to preach summer sermons. She and her wife and two children live in Havertown.*

### **August 25: Mark Bernstein: The Case Against Gratitude**

Poets, novelists and self-help gurus tell us to count our blessings...to be grateful for what we have. But sometimes, gratitude doesn't work, especially when life is hard or things aren't going our way. If we can't draw on gratitude when we're not feeling grateful, what other options do we have?



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