



Announcements –January 6, 2019

**Worship 11 am** - Hall of Worship

***We Three Kings of Orient Are*** – Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister

In Spain and Latin America, the holiday season officially ends on January 6, which is the 12th day of Christmas known as Three Kings' Day. What does this celebration tell us about Jesus' birth?

**Sunday Fellowship Hour** – 12:15 - 1 pm, Assembly Hall

**For Children and Youth:**

**Sunday School for Children and Youth**

Join us in the RE Room downstairs at 11 am. For details contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education at 212-683-4988, ext. 23 or email [erosado@ccny.org](mailto:erosado@ccny.org) .

**This Week's Activities:**

**Hatha Yoga** - Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm, Front Lounge (Canceled Dec 25 and Jan 1)

Hatha Yoga is a branch of yoga which concentrates on physical health and mental well-being. Please bring a yoga mat to the class. Requested Contribution \$15/\$5 Students

**NYC Street Singers** – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom (Canceled Dec 25 and Jan 1)

Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite. Contact Cheryl [clisbin25@aol.com](mailto:clisbin25@aol.com).

**Pranayama Breathing Exercises with Nafisa** – Fridays by appointment, Chapel

Learn the breathing technique which improves breathing capacity, opens the upper chest muscles, strengthens the lungs and opens air passages while releasing tension through the spine and shoulders. Requested Contribution: \$20

**Board of Trustees Meeting** – Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 pm, Conference Room

**Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club** - Thursday, January 10, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

(Note the change in usual schedule.) Some of us will have dinner together afterwards at a nearby (inexpensive) restaurant. Please join us. Join us even if you haven't finished reading. The book club is open to all ... and free! See [www.shsny.org](http://www.shsny.org) for upcoming titles. Jan Title - ***Grand Hotel Abyss: The lives of the Frankfurt School*** by Stuart Jeffries

**Planning Ahead:**

**Social Tea** – Tuesday, January 15, 2 pm (performance begins 2:30 pm), Assembly Hall

Join us special guests and light refreshments. This month - Opera preview performance with Leonard Lehrman and others. ***A Loveletter from Rosa Luxemburg Opera*** (see below - Jan 20 Concert announcement for more information.) The occasion is on the actual birthdate of Martin Luther King Jr. and Elie Siegmeister, as well as the centennial of Rosa Luxemburg's death. The program will include music by Bernstein, Eisler, Lehrman, Mandelbaum, and Siegmeister, performed by Michael Niemann, Helene Williams, and members of the Metropolitan Philharmonic Chorus, conducted from the piano by Leonard Lehrman. Please RSVP to Esther Rosado [erosado@ccny.org](mailto:erosado@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 123.

**Concert including *A Loveletter from Rosa Luxemburg Opera*** - Sunday, January 20, 2:30-5 pm, Hall of Worship

The concert includes the finale of "*I Have A Dream*," the cantata by Elie Siegmeister based on Dr. King's speech, commemorating their 110th & 90th birthdays the same day (Jan 15); the complete score of the Brecht-Eisler parable of racism and the coming of fascism, **ROUNDHEADS & POINTEDHEADS**; an unknown never-before-performed song by Bernstein; and 2 world premieres: Marc Blitzstein's Children's Cantata, and Leonard Lehrman's latest (12th) opera, written for Helene Williams - "*A Loveletter from Rosa Luxemburg*," honoring the centennial of Rosa Luxemburg's death (Jan 15).

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\* **Text Giving** - Text **ccuugive** to 73256. Follow the prompts.

\* **On-Line Giving from website- There** is a quick link just below the JOIN US box. Use this link and sign in as guest if you do not have an assigned password. Everyone is welcome to use this feature. If you have questions, contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, at 212-683-4988, ext. 126 or [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) . Thank you for your gifts!

**Donate to Community Church while Shopping:**

**Shopping on Amazon?** – Use the Amazon Smile feature. When you shop at smile.amazon.com and you choose *The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist*, a portion of your sale is sent to the church. An easy way to offer a free donation! [smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1663218](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1663218)

**Next Sunday:**

**Worship 11 am** – Sunday, January 13, Assembly Hall  
Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister, will preach.

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### Other Opportunities:

**People's Voice Café** – Most Saturdays, 8 pm – More information at [www.peoplesvoicecafe.org](http://www.peoplesvoicecafe.org)

Jan 5: Lonnie Harrington and Tom De Rosa

Jan 12: The Infiltrators and Fred Arcoleo & Friends

**Esperanto Society** – Third Fridays, 7-9 pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom (Oct-May) – Everyone is welcome.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

**Office Volunteers** - Do you have a few free weekday hours? The office staff could use your help! Please contact Jeff Loveland, our Church Administrator, or Thea Trent, [jloveland@ccny.org](mailto:jloveland@ccny.org) or [ttrent@ccny.org](mailto:ttrent@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988.

**Sunday Ushers, Greeters and Fellowship Hour Hosts** - We invite everyone to consider serving on Sundays. It is a fun way to meet visitors, members and friends. Please contact Valerie Lynch at [vlynch@ccny.org](mailto:vlynch@ccny.org) or 212-683-4988, ext. 126.

**BJ's and Helene's Place Needs Your Help** - Shelter Volunteers are always needed – They work in teams and training is provided. Please contact Dan Foley - [df\\_32749@yahoo.com](mailto:df_32749@yahoo.com) or Lisa Gluck [lgluckster@gmail.com](mailto:lgluckster@gmail.com) for details.

**Book Stall Volunteers** - The bookstall needs volunteers to staff the table on Sundays. Please contact Ken Wachtell at 201-963-7763 or [kenw54@hotmail.com](mailto:kenw54@hotmail.com).

### Update from your Ministerial Search Committee:

Thank you to all who participated in completing the Survey and attending a Cottage Meeting! We really value and appreciate your time and involvement.

This participation broadened the scope of information that we used in putting together the Congregational Record that prospective ministers will review.

*“Ministers like to do ministry.*

*This means ministers like to know what reality will meet them once they begin serving and, therefore, what ministry the congregation needs. If something is conflicted within the congregation, the record should depict that. If something has been neglected, the record should say so. That said, every congregation has positive features which should be shared, as well.”*

Both the tabulated survey results and the Congregational Record will be available to read by all shortly.

The Ministerial Search Committee met with the Beyond Categorical Thinking (BCT) trainers on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>. We then enjoyed their Sunday service and many congregants participated in the afternoon workshop. For those who participated we hope that it was interesting and broaden your thinking on what different types of person our new minister could be.

The short survey that was distributed and tallied showed that we need some more work around and education on sexual orientation and race. Look for opportunities to expand our preconceived, conscious or unconscious, biases in the coming months.

As we all know we are a varied and opinionated group of congregants. Not everyone will be happy with all aspects of the Ministerial Search Committees work. Please remember that you have put your trust in us and we are working diligently through the process. Please continue to seek us out to have a conversation.

A quick note on the process... Interestingly this same process is found in many religious institutions that choose their own minister. The UUA is not the sole entity that believes this process to be fair and to deliver best outcome.

Going forward please see your committee's work schedule:

Congregational profile published online December 1, 2018.

The search committee will read interested minister candidates profiles in January.

Interviews (telephone/Skype) will be scheduled.

By end of January we will have invited 3-4 candidates for in-person interviews and neutral pulpit services.

By end of March one candidate will be chosen and invited for candidating week May 5-12, 2019. Save the dates!

Candidate will preach on Sunday May 5.

Events will be scheduled during the week May 6-11.

Candidate will preach on Sunday May 12.

Immediately after coffee hour on Sunday May 12th the congregation will vote yes or no.