

Announcements - March 17, 2019

Worship 11 am - Hall of Worship

The Power of the Church: Rekindling the Fire of Reverend John Haynes Holmes and Rabbi Stephen Wise Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, The Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, will be our guest preacher.

Sunday Fellowship Hour – 12:15 - 1 pm, Assembly Hall **Volunteer Choir Rehearsal** - 12:45-2 pm, Hall of Worship

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.

Today:

Family Yoga Begins Sunday, March 17, 10:15 – 10:45 AM, Chapel

Weekly classes will include yoga poses, breathing, focus and fun. Parents/guardians can practice with their children. Nafisa Degani is a certified yoga teacher and has been teaching at Community Church of New York since 2013. Flyer

Roots of Rebellion Dress Rehearsal - 1 pm, Gallery

Paul Robeson Plaza Possibility - On February 3, Rev. Martinez preached on the extraordinary life and exploits of Paul Robeson. Rev Carlos was contacted by the Chair of the Paul Robeson Plaza Fund (<u>Letter</u>) of the Rutgers Class of 1971 inviting groups to consider contributing to the construction of Paul Robeson Plaza (<u>Details/Form</u>). The Plaza will be the only monument in the world that celebrates and honors Paul Robeson. More information is available at the Welcome Table during Fellowship Hour. Dedication Ceremony /Reception - Friday, April 12, 3 pm- in New Brunswick, NJ.

This Week's Activities:

Hatha Yoga - Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 10:30 am-12 pm, Front Lounge Please bring a yoga mat to the class. Requested Contribution \$15/\$5 Students

NYC Street Singers – Most Tuesdays, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Classroom

Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite. Contact Cheryl 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

Finance Committee – Wednesday, March 20, 6-8pm, Front Lounge.

Next Sunday:

Worship 11 am – Sunday, March 24, Hall of Worship **Brick by Brick** – Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister A great plan needs great vision and design.

Family Yoga - Sunday, March 24, 10:15 – 10:45 AM, Chapel

Weekly classes will include yoga poses, breathing, focus and fun. Parents/guardians can practice with their children. Nafisa Degani is a certified yoga teacher and has been teaching at Community Church of New York since 2013. Flyer

Community Women Present - Roots of Rebellion - Sunday. March 24, 1-2:30 pm, Assembly Hall

The First Women who Dared to Speak in Public - In the 19th century it was a "sin" for women to speak in public – even in church. A few women were bold enough to do it. The play was written by late Community member Laurie James.

Planning Ahead:

Social Tea - The Dangers of 5G - What They're Not Telling You — Tuesday, March 26, 2-3:30 pm, Assembly Hall Our guest speakers will be Edie Kantrowitz and Jill McManus. RSVP to Esther Rosado —212-683-4988/ erosado@ccny.org

Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday March 31, 12:45-2:30 pm, Assembly Hall

Worship 11 am - Sunday, April 24, Hall of Worship

The Best Ministers I Know – Rev. Dr. William Schulz - As former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, President Emeritus of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and currently an Affiliated Professor at Meadville Lombard Theological School where he teaches preaching and leadership to prospective ministers, Dr. William Schulz is well acquainted with those personal qualities, beyond basic professional skills, that make for outstanding clergy. With Community Church in the midst of an important ministerial search, it appears to be an opportune moment to draw upon Dr. Schulz's experience. He is currently a Senior Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights Studies at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. During Fellowship Hour Rev. Dr. Schulz will participate in a conversation with the congregation on the themes touched upon in his sermon. (OVER)

Delegates Needed to Represent Community Church at General Assembly

Please consider serving as a delegate to the <u>General Assembly</u> which will be held in Spokane, WA, June 19-23. Applications will be available at the Welcome Table and on our <u>website</u>. Any questions or to apply, contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator, <u>vlynch@ccny.or</u> or 212-683-4988, ext. 126.

How to Make Electronic Contributions to Community Church:

- * Set up a payment with your **bank** for one-time gift or automatic payments -just like your auto-pay bills.
- * 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. 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*

Safety Tips

In the event of a fire in your home or in an office building:

- Exit the building as quickly as possible. Close but do not lock apartment door.
- If hallways and stairwells are not safe due to smoke, heat or fire, and there is no fire escape, call 911 immediately, giving your name, address and floor number. Close all doors and windows if smoke is coming in and you cannot exit
- DO NOT USE ELEVATORS!
- Stay calm. Don't panic.

Other Opportunities:

AARP Tax Assistance – Thursdays, through April 4, 10 am-2 pm, Assembly Hall First come, first served – Please arrive early.

At 4th Universalist - Sponsored by 4thU Artivists (Activism through the Arts) – 160 Central Park West *The Vagina Monologues* - March 14-16 at 7 p.m.

General Admission Tickets -- \$30 per tckt (\$35 at the door) /Students/Seniors - \$20 per tckt (\$25 at the door) Net proceeds of "The Vagina Monologues" will go to support the work of Sakhi, Safe Horizon and VDay's Spotlight Campaign: Women in Prison, Detention Centers, and Formerly Incarcerated Women

Doors open at 6:30pm for a Pre-Show Party with food, wine, cocktails, and a silent auction (More Info/Tickets)

People's Voice Café – Most Saturdays, 8 pm – More information at <u>www.peoplesvoicecafe.org</u>

Mar 16: Gerry Segal and Generations: Mike & Aleksi Glick

Mar 23: The Siegel Family & Friends + Hudson Valley Sally

Mar 30: Reggie Harris and Pat Wictor

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

Prague and Romania Trip with Fellow UUs

The Central Unitarian Church in Paramus, NJ, invites you to join them for a trip to Prague and Romania from August 16 – September 1, 2019. Here are links to the <u>brochure</u> and <u>price sheet</u> to learn more (also listed on our home page www.ccny.org). If you have questions or wish to express interest in the trip, contact Josef Machac by email: josefmachac14@gmail.com.

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, iloveland@ccny.org or 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 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 - <u>df 32749@yahoo.com</u> or Lisa Gluck <u>lgluckster@gmail.com</u> 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.