



Announcements –September 9, 2018

11 am Worship – Hall of Worship - **Homecoming Sunday** - Rev. Carlos R. Martinez, Interim Minister

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

Room Locations: The Assembly Hall, Chapel and Conference Room are downstairs. The Gallery and Rear/Front Lounges are next door in the John Haynes Holmes Community House at 28 E. 35th Street, the building with the red door! Always check the signs at the front doors as room assignments are changed occasionally.

Linking: To use links found in these announcements, please go to the Sunday Announcements section on our homepage, located under the sermon description- www.ccnny.org . The electronic version of announcements has active links.

For Children and Youth:

Sunday School for Children and Youth

We begin with worship in the Chapel of Peace at 11 am. For details contact Esther Rosado, Director of Lifespan Religious Education at 212-683-4988, ext. 23 or email erosado@ccny.org .

This Week

Pranayama Breathing Exercises with Nafisa – Mondays, 4-5:30 pm, 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

Hatha Yoga - Tuesdays, 6-7:30 pm / Saturdays, 12:30-2 pm, Rear Lounge

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, 3rd Floor Classroom

Open to all who also believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire and unite, please join us on Tuesday evenings. For more information, please contact Cheryl Lisbin- clisbin25@aol.com.

Next Sunday:

11 am Worship – Hall of Worship – **Yom Kippur Service** – Rev. Carlos R. Martinez

Planning Ahead:

Save the Dates! - Cottage Meetings with the Search Committee

Note Date Changes -Sundays, Sept 23, 30 / Oct 7, 14, 12:45 pm, Chapel

All Voting Members encouraged to be part of this important conversation and survey.

TIME SERVED! - Gallery35 at Community – Artist Reception - Saturday, September 22, 6-8 pm, Gallery

Gallery35 is planning an exciting lineup of exhibits for its new season beginning with another thought-provoking Social Justice Exhibit, **TIME SERVED!** The show will present art exploring the issue of overcoming the challenges facing those released from prison who are seeking new beginnings in the larger community. The exhibit will coincide with a conference—also focusing on life after incarceration— to be held at Community Church in October by the Community Service Society (CSS), a 175-year-old anti-poverty organization that aims to “raise the floor for all New Yorkers.” The exhibit will include the art of conference participants—Denisha Wright, Bobby Romo, Isaac Scott— and other guest artists in addition to Gallery35 artists.

Constructive White Conversations – Monday, September 24, 7-9 pm, Gallery or 3rd Floor (Check door sign)

What is *Constructive White Conversations*? - It is a gathering offered by [CWC](http://www.constructivewhiteconversations.org/) (out of Brooklyn NY) in which those of us who identify as white can speak freely and openly about race, racism, oppression, isolation, and all related issues. This is an entry point for white people who want to understand and dismantle racism, build and maintain white antiracist community, and explore the nature of white identity. Facilitator: Stoop Nilsson / More Information:

<https://www.constructivewhiteconversations.org/> Please RSVP to: cwc.midtown@gmail.com

Art & Card Making Circle – Sunday, September 30, 1:15-3 pm, Gallery

Everyone is invited to join in for an afternoon of creative fun. Create art and/or cards for the holidays or other special occasions. Supplies will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well. **(OVER)**

Beyond Our Borders Film Group – Dates/Times TBA

A film & discussion group will be forming this fall. The plan is to view contemporary films from around the world and discuss over wine/coffee/soft drinks and snacks afterwards (on a quarterly schedule). We may go to theatres or view in the Assembly Hall or Gallery. We hope you'll join us and bring friends. Send in film suggestions now to Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator / vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 126.

Secular Humanist Society of New York Book Club - First Thursdays, October 4, 7-8:30 pm, Front Lounge

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 for upcoming titles.

Oct 4: *What is Populism*, Jan-Werner Muller

Nov 1: *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* - Jonathan Haidt

Other Opportunities:

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

Sep 15: *An Evening for Victor Jara* - **Maggie, Colleen Kattau** and **Barry Kornhauser**

Victor Jara was a Chilean singer-songwriter, poet, theater director, and political activist who was tortured and killed during the coup that brought dictator Augusto Pinochet to power in September 1973.

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

Other UU Opportunities:

The Peace and Justice Task Force of All Souls Unitarian Church invites you to a book study:

Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America

by Nancy MacLean.

4 Sundays, 1:15-3 pm, at All Souls

Sept. 9 - Ware Room - Introduction, Prologue & Chapter 1 (about 60 pages)

Sept 30 - Minot Simons Room - Part I (Chapters 2-7)

Oct. 14 - Minot Simons Room - Part II (Ideas and Action)

Oct. 28, Ware Room - Part III (The Fallout)

The author shows how the Libertarian radical right, funded by the Koch Brothers, has been working to fundamentally alter the rules of democratic governance. James McGill Buchanan, Noble prize winning political economist is the architect of the operation and with his colleagues for six decades has worked to alter every branch of government to disempower the majority -- and increase control of our government by the rich thereby changing democracy into oligarchy.

Make Voting Accessible to All

The UUA and UU Justice Florida have joined the Second Chances Campaign to get Amendment 4 passed this fall to make nearly 1.4 million people eligible to vote who are currently excluded because of past convictions. Florida is one of four states with a lifetime ban on voting stemming from Jim Crow-era voting restrictions.

UUs across the country will join two phone banking days on Tuesday, September 11th and Tuesday, October 9th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. ET/2:30 - 5:30 p.m. PT to urge Florida voters to Vote Yes on Amendment 4. Join us! Once you sign up you will receive a link to a 15-minute webinar and instructions.

For Sept 11 signup: [link here](#) / For Oct 9 signup: [link here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities:

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. 26.

BJ's and Helene's Place Needs Your Help

Shelter Volunteers are always needed – They work in teams and training is provided. Please contact George Garland gagarland@gmail.com or Fred Corden fcorden@me.com for details.

Visiting and Writing to Homebound Members and Friends of Community

We are now seeking volunteers who would like to visit and/or write notes to our homebound Members and Friends. Please contact Valerie Lynch, Membership Coordinator at vlynch@ccny.org or 212-683-4988, ext. 26, for more 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.