

Parish Notes

The Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord



Radical Inclusion: A Report from General Assembly

by Lea Smith, Director of Membership & Administration

At General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we are exposed to ways of living out our faith, that we might not be doing in our home churches. An inspiring and challenging theme woven throughout GA in June in Spokane, WA, was inclusivity: of people from all backgrounds, of all races, ethnicities, and genders, with differing abilities and sensitivities. UUs really aren't very good at this - we are predominantly white, educated, middle- to upper-class folks. Here are a few special attempts at inclusivity at GA:

- A program called "A Radically Inclusive Pathway to Membership" suggested ways to include newcomers that have medical or mental health issues that make it hard for them to participate in the usual membership classes. Yet these classes build connection and commitment. To paraphrase the presenter, sometimes attempts to increase accessibility, decrease connection, and vice versa. Idea for Concord UU: Should we provide an alternative path to membership? What would we gain or lose?
- The business meetings were not governed by Robert's Rules, because these strict parliamentary procedures may mask an underlying white supremacy culture: where politeness and structure are valued more than equity and justice. Idea for Concord UU: Should we try having an annual meeting without Robert's Rules? What would we gain or lose?
- Scooters were readily available for people with mobility issues. People with scooters or wheelchairs and their companions had reserved seating, and room setups were designed to include them. We were reminded not to cut in front of them in crowded spaces. Ideas for Concord UU: Should we widen our bottle-neck entrance by the coat racks so it is more spacious for those with walkers or wheelchairs? What other spaces are not friendly for those with mobility issues?
- A storyteller used "they" as a pronoun for a character in a story, when the character's gender was irrelevant or unknown, or who might be gender-queer or non-binary. Ideas for Concord UU: Should we add preferred pronouns to our nametags? Should we tell a Story for All Ages using "they" as a pronoun once in awhile?
- At the Professional Days for Administrators, we were asked not to use scented body care products, to be inclusive of people who are chemically sensitive. Unfortunately, one chemically sensitive person still struggled because they were seated next to some one who was wearing fragrance. Ideas for Concord UU: Should we reserve a section of the sanctuary for those who don't use fragrance? Should we adopt a no-scent policy?

There aren't easy answers to any of this. The most important tool for learning how to include marginalized folks is to listen to them - to understand their perspective about what helps and hinders. Do people from diverse backgrounds feel free to share their experience and needs? Do we seek out marginalized folks to get their perspectives, rather than letting those who aren't affected propose solutions? Are we open-minded and non-defensive when our ways of being are challenged? When a well-intentioned attempt at inclusivity backfires, will we apologize for our mistake and try again in love?

Grateful to be learning from you and with you,

Lea

CONNECTING IN LOVE AND SERVICE
GROWING SPIRITUALLY
TRANSFORMING OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

August Worship Services

Livestream our worship services at concorduu.org/live

Thursday, August 1, 2019 | 2 pm | UU Worship Service at Havenwood Heritage Heights, 33 Christian Ave, Concord

August 4, 2019 | 10 am | “The Doorway Effect” | Lorraine Ellis

You walk into another room and forget why you went there. It happens all the time. There’s a name for it, and it’s actually a sign of a healthy brain. This service explores how we can use this phenomenon to settle more deeply into what’s important in our lives, and to connect with that which is greater than ourselves.

Our first Sunday drop-in covenant group is cancelled this month but will resume in October.

August 11, 2019 | 10 am | “Other Hopes” | Charles Hillen

In this service, I will explore three (what I am calling) contemplations on hope. Perhaps, like me, you have experienced challenges with understanding hope and feeling its presence in your life from day to day. While I would like to say the contemplations I will share are my own, they are informed by many sources and life examples. Here at last, I feel that I have arrived at three lasting ways of viewing and understanding hope in my life, and my wish is that you may find some benefit from hearing about them.

August 18, 2019 | 10 am | “Oh, Freedom” | Wholly Rollers

A musical history of freedom songs of our country, from early slavery to present day asylum seekers traveling from Central America. The Wholly Rollers will transcend from African American struggles through the Civil War to World War II and those opposing fascism, then on to today’s border crossing crisis.

August 18 | 7 pm | “Dances of Universal Peace” | Sarah-Elizabeth Anderson

The Dances of Universal Peace are an embodied practice based in mantras from many world religions. Walking practice, prayer, sound current vibration, and gentle full body movement create an atmosphere of heart centered peace.

August 25, 2019 | 10 am | “Ecstasy and Laundry” (*Buddhism for real people*) | Whitney Howarth

Do enlightened people walk this earth? What does that look like? Do these people do laundry and put out the trash? Today’s sermon features wisdom from Jack Kornfield’s amazing book about how spiritual people deal with the dirty, dank dung of life and still find time to laugh, to do good, and feel hopeful.

September End of Summer Worship Services

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September 1, 2019 | 10 am | “Beloved Community” | Denise Tracy

How do we recognize the type of world we wish to leave our children and grandchildren? What are the elements of beloved community?

September 8, 2019 | 10 am | Water Communion Service | Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger

September 8, 2019 | 11:15 am | Membership Fair & Fall Picnic



Summer Services begin at 10 am June 16 till September 1

Childcare for all ages
will be available.

Join us for Social Hour after
services this Summer in the parlor.



August Special Events

Closed Mondays, Open Tuesdays-Fridays 10 a-1 p

Fri, Aug 2 @ 6:30 pm **Games & Chocolate**

Sun, Aug 4 @ 7 pm **Lammas Ritual**

Sun, Aug 18 @ 7 pm **Dances of Universal Peace**

Fri-Sat, Aug 23 -24 **Board of Trustees &
Operations Leadership Team Retreat**

Sun, Aug 25 @ Noon - 2 pm **Green Team Grounds**

Sun, Aug 25 @ 2 pm **Memorial for Lilo Masters**

Mon, Aug 26 **Fall Office Hours M-F, 10 am - 3 pm**

Tues, Aug 27 @ 1:00 pm **Operations Leadership Team**

Thurs, Aug 29 @ 11:30 am **Minister's Cluster**

September End of Summer

Sun, Sept 1 **Last Summer Service**

Mon, Sept 2 Office Closed Holiday

Thurs, Sept 5 @ 5:15 pm **Pastoral Care Associates**

Thurs, Sept 5 @ 7 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Fri, Sept 6 @ 6:30 pm **Games & Chocolate**

Sun, Sept 8 FALL PICNIC | Membership Fair

See our calendar online for up-to-date listing:

www.concorduu.org/calendar

Circle September 8...

What Will You Bring for the Potluck Picnic After Church?

Please remember to bring a side dish or dessert for the picnic on Sept. 8. Last fall we were a bit short on side dishes. We know it's easy to forget at the tail end of a busy summer. So, circle the date and put it in your to-do list right now.

We'll see you all there. Bring the kids.

A bounce house should be awaiting them.

2019-20 Calendar of Church-wide Events

Sunday Morning Worship & Faith Development

- This is the general pattern September through June.
- This page lists Worship & Faith Development programs only - additional special interest programs that happen on Sundays are listed on the next page.
- See online calendar for exceptions to this pattern, especially in September since the church year starts September 8.

1st Sundays

9:15 to 9:45 am | Choir Warmup

9:15 to 9:50 am | Children's Choir

10 to 11:15 am | Worship Service (childcare available)

11:15am to 12 pm | Social Hour Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

11:30am to 12:30 pm | Children's Faith Development Classes (Sunday School)

11:30am to 12:30 pm | Drop-In Covenant Group

2nd & 3rd Sundays

9:15 to 9:45 am | Choir Warmup

10 to 11:15 am | Worship Service (childcare available)

11:30 to 12:30 pm | "Second Hour" Adult Learning, Service & Practice

11:30 to 12:30 pm | Children's Faith Development Classes (Sunday School)

12:30 to 1 pm | Community Lunch

4th & 5th Sundays

9:15 to 9:45 am | Choir Warmup

10 to 11:15 am | Worship Service (childcare available)

11:15am to 12 pm | Social Hour Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

Special Worship Services

Dances of Universal Peace | most 3rd Sundays at 7 pm (see online calendar for exceptions)

Taize at Concord UU | every 2nd Sunday at 7 pm, October through April

UU Worship at Havenwood | every 1st Thursday at 2 pm, year-round

Earth Centered Spirituality Rituals | on or near solstices, equinoxes & cross-quarter days

Recurring Events for Children & Families

Community Lunch | 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm

Games and Chocolate | most 1st Fridays at 6:30 pm

Family Covenant Group | 2nd Fridays at 6 pm (please contact organizers before attending)

Parents of Teens Covenant Group | 3rd Fridays at 7 pm (please contact organizers before attending)

Senior High Youth Group | most Fridays at 7 pm, starting Sept.13

Recurring Musical Events

Choir Rehearsal | most Thursdays, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, (resumes Sept. 5)

Choir Warmup | most Sundays, 9:15 am

Visiting Voices | 2nd Saturdays - 9am off-site warmup, 10am at Merrimack County Nursing Home

Recurring Contemplative Events

Meditation in Motion | 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6 pm (resumes Sept. 16)

Mindfulness Practice Group | 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 pm

Plain & Simple Buddhism (formerly known as the Clapping Registers) | Tuesdays at 7 pm

Insight Meditation Sangha | 3rd Friday at 4 pm

Recurring Outreach Events

Noah Project on Sustainability | every Sunday at 9 am (resumes Sept. 8)

Climate Change Group | 1st Sundays at 11:45 am

Friendly Kitchen prep and serve day | 1st Wednesday at 3 pm

*Showing Up for Racial Justice | 1st Thursdays at 7 pm

Recurring Healing & Helping Events

Ageing Journey Wisdom Circle | most 1st Sundays at 11:45 am, starting in October

*Augustine Fellowship | Sundays at 5 pm

Caring for Aging Loved Ones Support Group | 4th Sundays at 7 pm

*Come As You Are LGBTQ+ AA | Mondays at 6 pm

Memory Loss Support Group | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 10 am, starting in October

*Chronic Pain Support Group | 2nd Tuesdays at 1 pm

*Renaissance New England | 1st Saturdays at 4 pm

Recurring Affinity Groups

Poetry Group | 3rd Wednesday at 5 pm (meets off-site)

UU Book Group | 4th Wednesday at 4 pm Sept to June (may not be open to new people)

Green Team Grounds Maintenance | 4th Sunday after worship, April through October

**Not a church program, but open to all.*

2019-20 Calendar of Church-wide Events

(This listing is for non-recurring events only - see separate list for recurring events)

☺ denotes a child-, youth-, or family-friendly event & * not a church program, but UUs encouraged to participate

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1 Sun -----Last Summer Service, 10 am
- Sept 2 Mon -----Church Office Closed | Holiday
- Sept 8 Sun -----10 am Water Communion Service ☺
11:15 am Membership Fair
11:45 am Fall Picnic
- Sept 13-14 Fri & Sat -----Mindfulness Society Conference at NHTI *
- Sept 21 Sat -----International Day of Peace & Piece of Pizza for Peace *
- Sept 22 Sun -----Compas de Nicaragua Dance Troupe☺
- Sept 23 Mon -----Autumn Equinox Ritual at 7 pm - Earth Centered Spirituality Group
- Sept 26 Thurs -----Seated Symphonic Sound Meditation *
- Sept 28 Sat -----50th Anniversary CROP Walk for Hunger * ☺
- Sept 29 Sun -----Mystery Match sign up | Week 1 ☺
- Sept 29 Sun -----Everybody's Birthday Social Hour ☺

OCTOBER

- Oct 2 Wed -----Walk a Mile in her Shoes *
- Oct 6 Sun -----Mystery Match sign up | Week 2 ☺
- Oct 14 Mon -----Church Office Closed | Holiday
- Oct 18-19 Fri-Sat -----Contemplative Practice Retreat @ Concord Friends Meeting House
- Oct 13 & 20 Sun -----Mystery Match Note Exchange ☺
- Oct 13-20 WK -----Family Promise Week
- Oct 20 & 27 Sun -----Exploring Membership #1 & #2
- Oct 25 Fri -----Youth Group Overnight ☺
- Oct 26 Sat -----Wicked FIT Run for Families in Transition * ☺
- Oct 27 Sun -----Mystery Match Note Reveal Party ☺
- Oct 27 Sun -----Fall Grounds Cleanup ☺

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 Fri -----Samhain Ritual at 7 pm – Earth Centered Spirituality Group
- Nov 10 or 17 Sun -----Interfaith Choir Concert (Tentative)
- Nov 11 Mon -----Church Office Closed | Holiday
- Nov 16 Sat -----“Fierce Compassion,” a one-day retreat w/ guest teacher Lama Willa Miller
- Nov TBA TBA -----Thanksgiving Food Drive & Basket Packing ☺
- Nov 23 Sat -----Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:30 pm (social hour at 5:30) ☺
- Nov 24 Sun -----Leadership Council
- Nov 28-29 Thurs-Fri -----Church Office Closed | Holiday

DECEMBER

- Dec TBA TBA -----Boys & Girls Club Shopping Spree, Giving Tree ☺
- Dec 7-8 Sat-Sun -----Greens & Artisans Fair
- Dec 8 Sun -----Exploring Membership #3
- Dec 15 Sun -----New Member Covenanting
- Dec 14 Sat -----UU Holiday Concert at Granite Ledges ☺
- Dec 15-22 Wk -----Family Promise Week
- Dec 21 Sat -----Caroling with the Homeless
- Dec 22 Sun -----Winter Solstice/Yule Ritual at 7 pm – Earth Centered Spirituality Group ☺
- Dec 24 Tues -----Christmas Eve Worship Services at 5 pm ☺ and 9 pm
- Dec 24 Tues -----Christmas Eve Community Dinner at 6:30 pm
- Dec 25 Wed -----Church Office Closed | Holiday

JANUARY

Jan. 1 Wed-----New Year's Day Games and Chocolate (Tentative) ☺
 Jan. 4 Sat-----Day Long Self-Led Meditation Retreat 9am to 5pm
 Jan. 19 Sun-----Exploring Membership Class #1
 Jan. 20 Mon-----Church Office Closed | Holiday
 Jan. 20 & 27 Sun-----Mystery Match Notes ☺
 Jan. 24 Fri-----Coming of Age Mentor Mtg
 Jan. 24-26 Fri-Sun-----Restorative Circles Training

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 Sat-----Imbolc Ritual at 7 pm – Earth Centered Spirituality Group
 Feb. 1 Sat-----Anapanasati Retreat Insight Meditation led by Doreen Schweitzer
 Feb. 2 Sun-----Exploring Membership Class #2
 Feb. 8 Sat-----Youth Group BAKE-OFF ☺
 Feb. 9 Sun-----Youth Group Cupcake Judging ☺
 Feb. 15 Sat-----Vagina Monologues 2020
 Feb. 21-March 1 -----Youth Group Service Trip ☺

MARCH

March 1 & 8 Sun-----Mystery Match Sign-ups week #1 & #2 ☺
 March 15 & 22 Sun-----Mystery Match Notes #1 & #2 ☺
 March 15-22 Wk-----Family Promise Week
 March 21 Sat-----Spring Equinox Ritual at 6 pm – Earth Centered Spirituality Group
 March 22 Sun-----Leadership Council
 March 27-29 Fri-Sun-----6th Annual Weekend Mindfulness Retreat
 March 29 Sun-----Mystery Match Reveal Party ☺

APRIL

April 3-4 Fri-Sat-----Coming of Age Overnight ☺
 April 5 Sun-----Exploring Membership Class #3
 April 9 Thu-----Maundy Thursday Communion Service ☺
 April 12 Sun-----Easter Worship ☺
 April 18 Sat-----Passover Seder Supper at 5pm ☺
 April 19 Sun-----New Member Covenanting
 April 25 Sat-----1/2 Day Meditation Retreat on Supporting & Strengthening Personal Practice
 -----led by Betsy Black
 April 26 Sun-----Spring Grounds Cleanup ☺
 April 26 Sun-----Unitarian Benevolent Association Annual Meeting at 12 pm

MAY

May 1-3 Fri-Sun-----Coming of Age Boston Trip ☺
 May 2 Sat-----Beltane Ritual at 7 pm – Earth Centered Spirituality Group
 May 10 Sun-----Youth Led Worship Service ☺
 May 10-17 Wk-----Family Promise Week
 May 10-15 Wk-----Yard & Plant Sale donations accepted
 May 16 Sat-----Yard & Plant Sale
 May 21 Thu-----Budget Forum at 6 pm
 May 24 Sun-----Budget Forum at 11:45 am
 May 29 Fri-----Welcoming Prom - *Tentative*
 May 31 Sun-----Long-time Member Breakfast & Recognition
 May 31 Sun-----Annual Meeting at 11:45 am

JUNE

June 5-6 Fri-Sat-----UU Village Camp-in at 5:30 pm ☺
 June 7 Sun-----Music Sunday ☺
 June 7 Sun-----Calendar Planning for all church leaders
 June 7-14 Wk-----Silent Auction in Parlor
 June 13 Sat-----Summer Solstice/Litha Ritual at 7 pm-Earth Centered Spirituality Group
 June 14 Sun-----Flower Communion Service, followed by Spring Picnic & Auction ☺
 June 21 Sun-----Beginning of Summer Worship Services
 June 24-28 Wed-Sun-----General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Providence, RI

Circle of Life

Memorial Celebration for Lilo Masters | August 25 at 2:00 PM



Please join us to celebrate the life of Lilo Masters on Sunday, August 25 at 2 pm. Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger will officiate at a service in our Sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Lilo passed away at Merrimack County Nursing Home on April 5, 2019. Lilo had just reached her 25th anniversary of church membership, having joined on April 3, 1994.

Exploring Membership at Concord UU

If you've been attending services for awhile, you may be thinking about the next step in your involvement at our church. Formal membership is a public commitment that this community is important to you and your spiritual development. It means you acknowledge your willingness to help others in their lives and spiritual and intellectual growth, and acceptance of a diversity of lifestyles and beliefs without judgment. The best way to learn more is to attend our Exploring Membership program, a series of three classes offered on October 20 and 27, and December 8.

Exploring Membership classes are led by Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger and Lorraine Ellis. The first two classes are offered a week apart, and the third several weeks later. You must attend all three sessions in order to become a member, but we do want to be flexible for anyone with serious health concerns or other unique circumstances that make it impossible to attend all the classes. Please contact Rev. Michael Leuchtenberger or Lea Smith to discuss other possibilities.

The classes provide a chance to present your history and spiritual journey that brought you to the UU Church and to hear the stories of others in the class. You will also learn about Unitarian Universalism in general and the way that it is expressed in our particular congregation, as well as the rights, benefits, and responsibilities of membership. The classes include lunch, and childcare upon request. If you decide that membership is right for you after attending the classes, we will celebrate together as part of our New Member Covenanting on December 15.

To join the class, please email Lorraine Ellis at membership@concorduu.org or contact Lea Smith in the church office, 224-0291 ext 4#.

Solidarity Walk for Immigrant Justice

---HELP NEEDED with 8/22 Lunch Preparation!

The Solidarity Walk, Aug 21-24, starts at the U.S. District Courthouse in Concord, and ends at the Strafford County Jail in Dover, where ICE jails people slated for deportation. After walking 8-10 miles each day, there will be evening educational, prayerful, or discussion-focused events. UU Action NH is a co-sponsor of the walk.

Epsom DICE (Diversity Inclusion & Community Equity) is hosting lunch at the Epsom Library on Thursday 8/22 for ~30 Immigrant Solidarity walkers. Volunteers are needed to help purchase supplies for and prepare 40 lunches that will include wraps, fruit, chips, cookies and a canned/bottled beverage. Several individuals are needed to help make sandwiches and wrap cookies at the home of Kim Gillis in Epsom, on the morning of 8/22. Support for set-up and clean-up at the library would also be appreciated! Please contact Kim Gillis at kgillis@live.com or (603) 892-4271 if you are able to help in any way!

For more information about the walk see: www.nhchurches.org/walk2019

Thank you!

Solar Array Shrub Bed Needs Helping Hands

The long bed of shrubs in front of the solar array needs ongoing care to keep the weeds at bay and the shrubs happy, especially since they are still getting established. The bed is about 180 feet long by 6 feet wide. David Canfield has been working on it alone but he can't do the job alone. So, we are looking for five garden lovers to join him on this mission, with each "adopting" a 30-foot piece of the bed. If you might be one, see David in church or email him at dwcanfield1@gmail.com

We also have other areas that need weeding--for instance, the Memorial Garden stairs and path--and there are just not enough of us to do it all, so please help out as you can. If you can't help regularly, just drop by on your way to and from Church events and pull a few weeds now and then. Loaner hand tools are in the new shed in front of Fellowship Hall. Thanks for whatever you can do.

Ruth Axelrod, Chair, Grounds Task Force

Have You Remembered Our Church in Your Will or Estate Plan?

Are you planning to leave a legacy gift for the Church? By doing so, you will be helping it remain a vital force for good in the world, perpetuating the values you hold dear for future generations.

If you have named UUCC in your will or estate plan, please notify us so we can add you to the roll of The William Walker Society.

David Canfield and Jack Wakelin, Legacy Committee

REFUGEE FAMILIES NEED OUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT

by David Canfield

How blessed and fortunate we are, we Concord UU's! Our homes, our community, and our country are safe and secure – for ourselves, our children and, we trust, their children. We take our safety and security for granted.

Many millions of men, women and children elsewhere are not so blessed. They are refugees, people who have had to flee for their lives from their native land because of war or violence or famine. People who have fled or been evicted from Bhutan, Myanmar (Burma), Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and countries in Africa and Central America – individuals and families searching desperately for a home, a safe and secure place for them and their children to live. Collectively, they comprise the world's greatest refugee crisis since WWII.

In the past ten to fifteen years, our federal government has responded to this crisis by arranging for tens of thousands of refugees to resettle in the U.S. Well over two thousand, largely from Bhutan, Congo and other countries in central Africa, have become our neighbors here in Concord.

About eleven years ago, in an effort to help these “New Americans” resettle in their new home, Concord UU's organized “UU Friends of Refugees” (UUFOR). UUFOR created what we call “Circles of Friends.” Each Circle, typically three to six or more church members or friends, focuses on one refugee family. To date, eight UU Circles – about fifty people in all – have befriended twelve families and assisted them in many ways such as giving them rides to stores and appointments, helping them learn English, finding them jobs, arranging child care, helping them review mail and pay bills, and teaching them everyday skills that are essential for independence – or just having fun like celebrating children's birthdays and reading them stories and going to the beach.

Thanks in part to the efforts of our devoted UUFOR volunteers, most of the families we've befriended are now fully or largely independent, generally able to cope on their own. Some have become naturalized U.S. citizens. But as these families have successfully put down roots here, others have arrived in Concord and are struggling to get resettled. They, too, need our friendship and support as they attempt to put down their roots.



NEW AMERICANS WHO NEED OUR HELP NOW

Can you give one of these families 2 or 3 hours a week?

Rev. Clement Kigugu's refugee-support organization, Overcomers Support Services (OSS), is looking to our church for volunteers to assist seven refugee households that need help right now. They all live on the Heights. If you would like to learn how you could befriend and assist one of these families, by giving 2-3 hours a week as a member of a small Circle of Friends, please contact UUFOR Chair David Canfield at dwcandfield1@gmail.com or phone 856-8377.

- **A Congolese gentleman in his sixties** who came from UN camp in Burundi a year or two ago. Needs a volunteer friend who could help him learn and practice English, provide rides now and then to appointments, and help him review and respond to mail and keep his papers in order – maybe for 2-3 hours a week on average.
- **A Congolese family from a UN camp in Rwanda: mom, dad and three children, ages 3, 9 and 13.** An opportunity for a circle of 3 or 4 volunteers – possibly giving 2-3 hours each per week – to help mom and dad practice their English, give some loving attention to the children, provide rides now and then to appointments, and help them review and respond to mail and keep their papers in order.
- **Two single Congolese moms** who have been here a few years and are well employed, independent, and well integrated but need help advancing their English which is functional but imperfect. Two ESL volunteers needed, 2-3 hours each (one for each mom).
- **Single Congolese mom from Kenya with 2 children, ages 7 and 2-3.** They've been in America for almost a year. Opportunity for a circle of 2-3 volunteers who could give 2 or 3 hours per week each to help her get to appointments, learn English, learn to drive, apply for public housing, arrange day care, review and respond to mail, and keep her papers in order.
- **Single Congolese mom from a UN camp in Rwanda with 3 children, ages 7, 3 and 1, who arrived here last fall.** Speaks some English, quick learner, and well organized. Opportunity for a circle of 2 or 3 volunteers who could each give 2-3 hours a week to help her get around, learn to drive, apply for public housing, arrange daycare, find a light job (collaborating with Clement), improve her English, review and respond to mail, and keep her papers in order.
- **Single Congolese mom from a UN camp in Rwanda with 3 older children, ages 20, 16 and 12, who have been here for about 3 years.** Hopes that recent eye surgery will enable her to get a job soon. Oldest child has car and license. One volunteer is now giving 2-3 hours per week for shopping, medical appointments, reviewing mail, and finding part-time work for the teenagers. Needs another volunteer who could give 2 or 3 hours a week to help mom practice English and help the 12-year-old boy in various ways (getting to sports practice, reading, homework, etc.).

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

September 8 | Church Picnic & Membership Fair

Upcoming Parish Notes NEW Deadline

September 2019 issue: Wed, Aug. 21 at noon

Email submissions in the body of an email (not as an attachment) to parishnotes@concorduu.org

Submissions are accepted for church-related items that have been approved by a committee, church-affiliated group or staff person. The editor may edit for clarity or to fit available space.