

# Rock Spring News

Let all we do be done in love.



## April is Earth Month!

*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high  
this is our sacred living trust, treasure of life, sanctified*

*Called by earth and sky.*

*-from Called by Earth and Sky by Pat Mayberry*

Rock Spring has a long legacy of responding to the call of earth and sky, of making another way in a world of climate change. We celebrate the congregation's historic and ongoing work in environmental commitments, including through the Green Accelerator Project (GAP) begun in 2016. Rock Spring is one of the first congregations in the nation to set a goal of being net zero for carbon emissions. We are powered by solar on Carpenter Hall and have made insulation upgrades across the campus. We have partnerships with Solar Village Project, EcoAction Arlington, Interfaith Power and Light, and the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. Our Plot Against Hunger Garden's produce is donated to food pantries, and we open the church for local produce packaging by Friends of Urban Agriculture. We've installed an air quality monitor, removed invasive plants, and engaged in a wide range of environmental advocacy. We've added compost bins and begun separating food waste and napkins for composting... And there's still more we can do!

Earth Month at Rock Spring will include guest preachers, offerings after worship each Sunday, a climate-friendly cooking class, a collection of denim for recycling, and an Earth Challenge. Read on for full details!

## Music Director Search Update

*In case you missed it... the search for Rock Spring's next music director is underway! The position description has been shared widely and is live [on our website](#).*

*We have had a tremendous response so far, with candidates representing diverse backgrounds and experience applying from all over the country.*

*The Search Committee, chaired by Megan Tetrick, is diligently and thoughtfully working through the applications as they come in and will begin the first round of interviews after the application period closes on April 5.*

# From Council

## Council Corner

Engagement. Inclusion. Witness. Strengthening the Church. Continuing our Racial Justice Journey. During its retreat and regular March meeting, Council developed and finalized its goals for 2024, largely continuing the strategic focus adopted last year. Specifically, we seek to advance Rock Spring through four overarching goals:

- **ENGAGE:** Deepen our congregation's engagement and connection to Rock Spring and to one another and actively welcome others in.
- **WITNESS:** Step more fully into the public square to tackle issues of importance and provide powerful witness to progressive Christianity.
- **SUSTAIN AND GROW:** Continue to build and implement capacity for multi-year financial, operational, and facilities planning to support Rock Spring's vision for impact, growth, and sustainability.
- **INFUSE:** Complete the Local Church Antiracist Audit and infuse our learning into the work, programs, policies, and planning of the church.

While our goals remain largely the same as in 2023, our focus for activity under each has evolved. Here are just a few things that Council now has underway:

- Seeking a deeper understanding of our covenantal relationships as members of the United Church of Christ, a working group was established to review Rock Spring's historic support for our denomination (which is mostly provided through funding of OCWM, Our Church's Wider Mission) and to better understand how OCWM funds are used.

*Looking ahead, expect to see opportunities to learn about Rock Spring's involvement with the wider church so we are all better informed.*

- In 2017, growing out of our Imagine! process and funded by \$250,000 of dedicated funds from our capital campaign, Rock Spring launched two major mission projects: Welcoming the Stranger (WTS) and the Green Accelerator Project (GAP). As we come to the end of that initial funding period, it is time to evaluate and celebrate what we've done together and begin to imagine what comes next. Council has approved a new working group that will conduct this review.

*Looking ahead, listen for more about what WTS and GAP have achieved and then plan to participate in congregation-wide discernment about how we will continue to live into our faith through service.*

- Finally (for now, at least), we are focused on the accessibility of our Sanctuary and wider campus. A new working group will be put in place shortly to explore options to ensure Rock Spring can provide an accessible, inclusive, and safe welcome for all.

*Looking ahead, expect to hear about alternatives from targeted fixes to more extensive solutions once the working group completes its work. In the meantime, we are doing everything we can to meet the needs of members now. Please don't hesitate to share a need or concern.*

Belonging to a congregational church is a participatory sport. We are grateful to each person who has (or will!) agreed to serve on these working groups. If one of these issues sparks your interest, please let us know.

As always, if there is something you would like Council to explore, we would love to hear from you. You can connect with Cheryl at [cherylramp@gmail.com](mailto:cherylramp@gmail.com).

*Let all we do be done in love,  
Cheryl Ramp and Megan Tetrick, Council Chair & Vice Chair*

PS: At our March 2 retreat, Council approved Rock Spring's final 2024 budget. You can see it [here](#).

# From Council

## AntiRacist Local Church Audit Update



Progress continues to be made on the Antiracist Church Audit! The Rock Spring annual meeting in January included a briefing on major audit findings and potential strategies to continue our antiracist journey. In January, we also solicited congregational input into specific racial audit questions; those responses are now enabling the Rock Spring Committees, Boards, and Council to complete their work on the audit tool over the next few weeks. Based on responses to the congregational survey, we will be planning additional events on racial autobiography writing, what “decentering whiteness” means for Rock Spring, and other related topics.

Of the 156 congregants who responded to the survey, 74% support Rock Spring adopting a statement committing to the journey of becoming an antiracist church, and 54% understand more about what it means to commit to becoming an antiracist church because of the racial audit process. A majority said they like to see composers (70%) and performers in worship (63%) from a variety of backgrounds. And almost all respondents believe our search committees should commit (by a moderate amount, at minimum) to recruiting a diverse pool of candidates (91%) and hiring someone committed to antiracism (88%).

Of the BIPOC/multi-racial congregants or families who responded (11% of respondents identified themselves in this group), 70% felt that Rock Spring should consider racial diversity in the nominations process; commenters recognized that it would be challenging, though, given Rock Spring’s current demographics. This group expressed interest in Rock Spring offering, or offering more of, a variety of resources or supports, including healing conversations or worship services, resources for parents of color, and a group for white parents raising multi-racial children.

Later this spring, we plan to have a complete audit report to share with the congregation. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts by responding to the congregational survey and stay tuned for more information!

## Welcome New Members!



On Sunday, April 17, Rock Spring formally welcomed new members into the life of the Congregation.

**Carlton Brose** has attended church since he was 6 years old and has a long history with the United Church of Christ. He has loved singing in church choirs and enjoys playing golf and listening to music. He is married to Nancy, who often attends Rock Spring with him.

**Angela DeStacy** comes to Rock Spring with her 10-year-old son, Dalton. Our values and the sense of community she is experiencing here are exactly what she was searching for in a church. Angela works for the Department of Navy and has lived in Arlington her whole life.



Have you been visiting Rock Spring and begun to feel a nudge to make this your faith home? Kathy Dwyer regularly holds Exploring Membership sessions both in person and online. These are opportunities to learn more about Rock Spring and the United Church of Christ and to get to know fellow explorers. Stay tuned for the next dates, or reach out to [Kathy](#) at any time.

# Worship and Music

## Earth Month Guest Preachers

### *Sundays, April 21 & 28*

During Earth Month, Rock Spring will welcome two guest preachers.

On April 21, Virginia Delegate Michael Jones will be our guest preacher. A pastor himself, Mike has served churches in Richmond, Virginia and has served on the City Council in Richmond. As a Delegate, he has been an advocate for environmental justice. He is an advocate for tree canopies, greenspace, and improvements to the James River Park System. Mike has made a pledge not to take any campaign contributions from Dominion Energy.

The following Sunday, April 28, we will welcome back Joshua Long, our former seminary intern. He currently works as a congregational organizer with Interfaith Power & Light, DC, MD, and NOVA. In addition, Josh is an award-winning public theologian and an inspirational musician. His musical thesis on climate and faith explored how sacred music can foster spiritual experiences and build communities of hope and justice. Josh feels called to work in building climate justice and sustainable communities. He will bring both music and word to his worship leadership.

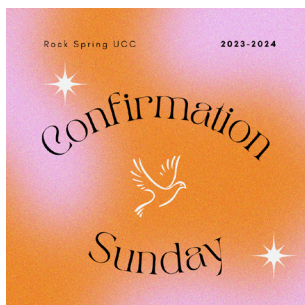


## Confirmation Sunday

### *Sunday, May 19*

This year's Confirmation program has been a powerful opportunity for 10 of Rock Spring's high schoolers to explore the mysteries, joys, and questions of faith. Betsey Wildhack, Brad Hopewell, and Hannah Sachs have helped these students explore big topics like God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sin and salvation, the sacraments, and the Church, with the support of guest teachers. Confirmation has also included numerous visits to other faith communities and the opportunity to learn more about different belief systems and religious practices.

This year's Confirmation program will culminate with a meaningful Confirmation service on May 19. This worship service will be planned by the confirmands and will feature some of their personal statements of faith. Many of them will formally join as Rock Spring members that day. Please save the date and join in celebrating all that God is doing in the lives of our youth!



## Calling All Graduates!

### *Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 9*

Is someone in your life graduating from high school, college, or grad school this year? We will be celebrating these fabulous accomplishments together during our June 9 worship service. We will also be giving a gift to all high school graduates at that time!

Please fill out [this form](#) by May 28 to ensure your graduate is included in our celebration!



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## Harmony for Hope Benefit Concert

**Sunday, May 5, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary & Online**



Mark your calendars for an afternoon of compassion and solidarity as we come together for the “Harmony for Hope” concert, dedicated to raising funds for [Voices of Children](#), which supports children of war in Ukraine.

From the enchanting arias of opera to the heartfelt melodies of art songs, Neapolitan tunes, and the captivating energy of musical theater, this concert promises a diverse and captivating program that will touch your heart and inspire hope. Six esteemed classical singers have volunteered their talents to support this important cause, promising an afternoon of exquisite performances.

Can't make it in person? No problem! The concert will be livestreamed, allowing everyone to participate and contribute from anywhere in the world.

Join us for “Harmony for Hope” and help us to create a harmonious symphony of compassion, spreading light and love to those who need it most. Together, we can make a difference.

## Seeking Singers & Ringers!

Attention music enthusiasts! Are you passionate about singing and eager to join a vibrant and welcoming choir community? Look no further! We are excited to announce that we are actively recruiting new choir members of all voices. Our group is known for our fun and lively rehearsals, where laughter and camaraderie abound, but don't let that fool you - we are also highly efficient at learning and mastering a diverse repertoire of beautiful anthems. Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or just starting out, all are welcome here regardless of your level of experience. If you've ever wanted to learn how to read music, our supportive environment is the perfect place to start.

We are also excited to extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation who has an interest in playing handbells to join our handbell choir, as well as to children ages 5 to 12 who would like to become part of our Choristers group. We welcome you to join us in adding a special touch to our church services while having a lot of fun in the process. Please contact Interim Director of Music [Eduardo Castro](#) if you're interested or have any questions. Let's make beautiful music together!

## From Eduardo, With Love

As we reach the end of another fantastic choir year, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of our singers and ringers. It has been an incredible journey filled with music, laughter, and growth, and I am grateful for the opportunity to make music alongside such talented individuals.

Perhaps what I cherish most about our time together is the bond we have forged – a bond built on hard work, camaraderie, and, above all, fun. Your passion for music and your dedication to our shared craft have created an environment where we can learn, grow, and thrive together.

Thank you for making me feel at home in this choir family. Your warmth, friendship, and support mean the world to me.



# Faith Formation

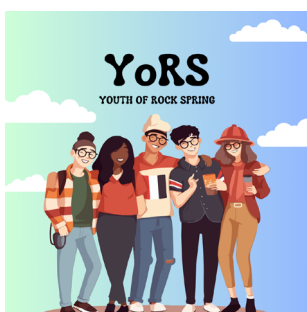


## The Journey

**Mondays, April 8 – May 20, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom**

Do you have big questions? Are you hungry for a deeper faith? Would you like to experience a close-knit community with other seekers? If so, we'd love to have you join us this April and May for *The Journey: An Exploration of Faith*. This small group will be facilitated by Carolyn Hart, Hannah Sachs, and Laura Martin. The Journey will begin on Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. and will meet for 90 minutes weekly through May 20 via Zoom.

All adults are welcome to participate in The Journey, especially those who didn't have a chance to experience Confirmation in their youth or who are reevaluating their beliefs after a period of deconstruction. There are no prerequisites and there will be no advance reading required. Here, you'll simply find a safe haven to question, learn, and grow alongside others. Please sign up [here](#) if you'd like to join us or reach out to Hannah to learn more.



## Youth of Rock Spring (YoRS)

Both Middler and High School YoRS programs continued to thrive during Hannah's maternity leave, thanks to our amazing team of lay leaders! As part of our Seeking Peace curriculum, both YoRS groups have most recently been exploring what it means to "seek peace with creation" and care for the earth. Our Middler group completed the UCC's Climate Hope Postcard project and has submitted 8 designs for the official contest, and both YoRS will have the opportunity to be involved in upcoming Earth Day events.

If you would like to receive a copy of this year's calendar or would like to learn more about volunteering as a YoRS leader, please be in touch with [Hannah](#).



## Sunday School News

We are so grateful for Andrea Maresca's leadership as Sunday School coordinator during Hannah's maternity leave and to all the Sunday School teachers who are continuing to offer such meaningful experiences of faith and community to our children. Our Seeds, Sprouts, and Roots classes continue to help each child experience God's love in ways that are developmentally appropriate and build meaningful relationships with friends and teachers.

For the latter part of Lent, our Sunday School has been using Sanctified Art's "Wandering Heart" curriculum so that there is continuity between what adults are learning in worship and what children are learning in their classes. We will return to our Spring 2024 "Seeking Peace" curriculum following Easter.

Our final day of regular Sunday School for this program year will be June 2. Families will then have the opportunity to enjoy intergenerational worship experiences during "Camp Rock Spring" in June. (See details next page.)

To give our regular Sunday School teachers a well-deserved break, we will then be looking for some additional volunteers to help offer a very simplified Summer Sunday School experience throughout July and August. Please prayerfully consider this short-term volunteer opportunity and contact [Hannah](#) for more details.

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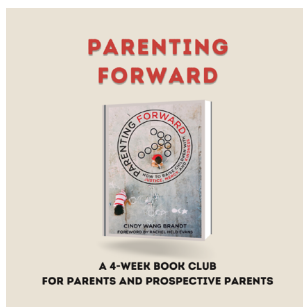


## Evangelical Zionism and the Impact of Eschatology Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m. [via Zoom](#)

Join Hannah Sachs for a thought-provoking presentation and discussion titled "Evangelical Zionism and the Impact of Eschatology." This event will offer a unique opportunity for participants to delve into the theological foundations of the Evangelical Zionist movement. By understanding these underpinnings, we, as progressive Christians, will be better equipped to engage in nuanced dialogue about foreign policy through the lens of scripture and Christian teaching. Through critical reflection and open dialogue, we'll deepen our awareness of how Evangelical eschatological beliefs have directly shaped American perspectives on Israel and Palestine, and how we might approach this complex reality with knowledge, wisdom, and compassion.

## Parenting Forward Book Group Forming

Would you like to better integrate your faith with your parenting? Are you trying to break cycles of religious trauma in your family? Do you simply want support as you seek to raise justice-minded children in an unjust world? If so, please consider joining us for a relaxed, 4-week book discussion of Cindy Wang Brandt's *Parenting Forward*.



This thought-provoking book focuses on parenting with progressive Christian values. Through this series, we'll explore Jesus's teachings of love and justice as foundational principles for nurturing empathetic and inclusive children. Whether you're a seasoned parent, new to parenting, or planning to become a parent, this group will offer a supportive space to integrate progressive Christian faith into your journey. Gain insights and practical tools to raise socially conscious children who question, learn, and embrace diversity within the framework of our Christian beliefs.

Please contact [Hannah](#) by April 28 if you are interested in this book group. The exact timing of these meetings will be determined by participants.

## Get Ready for Camp Rock Spring!

Camp Rock Spring is a special, intergenerational season of worship. During June, our Sanctuary will again be transformed into a camp atmosphere, and all will be welcome to truly come as they are. Each week will feature joyful, participatory worship and a meaningful, communal activity or service project following. This is a wonderful time to invite friends and neighbors who are new to church or uncomfortable in traditional church settings, so we hope you'll join us in extending a wide welcome.

Our camp theme for this summer is "This is Our Prayer." Through stories and spiritual practices, we'll explore diverse ways that Christians throughout history and today have connected with God and one another. Ultimately, we will experience the joy of an intergenerational faith community where everyone is seen, loved, and celebrated for who God made them to be. This is our prayer!

If you're interested in being part of the Camp Rock Spring team as a Sanctuary decorator, song leader, storyteller, or service project volunteer, please reach out to [Hannah](#). We need your unique gifts to make this year's camp experience truly memorable.



# Faith Formation



## Faith Formation Appreciation Sunday, June 9

Join us on Sunday, June 9, for a special Faith Formation Appreciation Day when we will celebrate the invaluable contributions of all our Faith Formation volunteers. Whether you've supported Nursery, Sunday School, YoRS, or Adult Faith Formation this year, we hope you'll attend church this day so that we can honor you during our worship service and coffee hour. Your dedication and commitment have made a lasting impact on our community, and Rock Spring looks forward to expressing our heartfelt gratitude!

# Social Action & Mission



## Jimmy Alverson Memorial Blood Drive Sunday, June 2

The Inova blood donation services team will return to Rock Spring on June 2 for a special blood drive in memory of Jimmy Alverson, son of Jim and Susan and brother of John, Rebecca, and Sarah. Jimmy died from cancer in November at age 20. During his years of treatment, he relied on regular blood donations. This blood drive will be held in Carpenter Hall to enable us to accommodate more donors. Watch for more information and a sign-up link next month.

## Welcoming the Stranger Updates

Join our Welcoming the Stranger mission project in a special *dinner for refugees* as part of our partnership with Christ Church's Refugee Ministry. The dinner will be held at Immanuel on the Hill in Alexandria on Saturday, April 27. Families, children, and individuals are warmly welcomed as volunteers in a range of ways. For details, please contact [Hannah Chismar](mailto:hchismar@mindspring.com) (hchismar@mindspring.com).

Rock Spring member **Mary Nell Bryant** recently started working with Restoration Immigration Legal Aid, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing pro bono representation to the most vulnerable immigrants before the US Customs and Immigration Service and before Immigration Court. After finishing an online course on Immigration Advocacy with Villanova University and several years of pro se work on asylum applications of Afghan immigrants, she was accepted into RILA's Volunteer Legal Advocate Training Program. RILA is an independent non-profit supported by the Restoration Anglican Church in Arlington. Mary Nell's goal is to become a Department of Justice Accredited Representative to legally represent clients in immigration matters. We celebrate Mary Nell and her tremendous dedication to this faithful work!





# Social Action & Mission



## April is Earth Month at Rock Spring

Each of us has a role to play in honoring creation and working towards sustainability. From our backyards to our kitchen tables, from the way we dispose of items to the policies we ask our elected officials to pursue, we can each make a difference.

Throughout the month of April, join us to learn, act, advocate, and be inspired!

### ***Make a Difference at Home*** ***Sunday, April 7, 11:15 a.m., Hunter 207***

Eco Action Arlington and Rewiring America will present on individual choices people can make to reduce their carbon footprint and the value of electrification in homes. You'll leave this workshop with practical advice you can implement.

### ***Go Native Now!*** ***Sunday, April 14, 11:15 a.m., Hunter 207***

*"In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water."*

*-Doug Tallamy*

Restore biodiversity and make a difference – right in your own back yard. It's easy. It's fun. And it's a great project for children. Join Carolyn Rapp to watch a short film on Homegrown National Parks that will inspire you to start digging, learn 5 things you can do to get started in your yard, discover what native plants grow well here and where to get them, and become part of a Rock Spring plant network to exchange plants and learning.

### ***Climate Cooking Class*** ***Thursday, April 18, 5:30 p.m., Carpenter Hall***

Did you know that eating a more plant-based diet is delicious, nutritious, and colorful? That our food choices and food waste contribute to global greenhouse gas emissions? That eating more of a plant-based diet is healthier for you and the planet? Join us to cook a yummy plant-based meal that is easy to make and affordable, then join your fellow chefs to enjoy the delicious dinner. Kids are welcome! So we have enough ingredients, RSVP to [Amy Bergner](mailto:abbergner@gmail.com) (abbergner@gmail.com) by April 15.

### ***Earth Sunday Worship & Plant-Based Potluck*** ***Sunday, April 21***

Join us for worship featuring guest preacher Virginia Delegate Mike Jones. Then stay for a plant-based potluck coffee hour/lunch. (Bring a plant-based food to share, along with a list of its ingredients.) During the potluck, make advocacy thank you cards for those in the General Assembly who supported environmental legislation, and to hear more about what others in the congregation are doing or can do on the environment as we debut the Earth Challenge pledge! All are also invited to join in the celebration at the Langston Boulevard "[Earth Day Every Day](#)" festival nearby.

### ***Worship & Invasive Plant Removal*** ***Sunday, April 28***

Former seminary intern Josh Long returns to Rock Spring where he will share spoken and musical reflections on our call to earth and sky during worship! Following the service, join LuAnn Kressley to remove invasive English ivy from nearby Rock Spring Park. Please dress to get dirty and bring work gloves and clippers if you have them.

### ***All Month***

***BYOMug*** – Help reduce the waste created at coffee hour by bringing your own reusable mug.

***Denim Collection*** – Got old jeans? Throughout April, we will be collecting used denim clothing for Madewell's "do well" initiative, which either resells them or recycles them into housing insulation. Leave your no-longer-loved jeans in the collection bins outside the Saegmuller Room and keep these materials out of landfills!

# Congregational Life



## Seeking Ushers

As you enter the Sanctuary each Sunday, you are welcomed by a Rock Springer who offers a greeting, a bulletin, and any direction you may need. This is an important way Rock Spring demonstrates that "whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." The ushers play other roles as well including lighting the candle, counting attendance, collecting the offering, and more. This role is an essential part of our worship experience, and we are seeking new volunteers to serve in this capacity. We will be hosting an usher training and orientation on Sunday, May 5 following worship. If you are interested in learning more or know you would like to volunteer, please contact Joanne Kelly at [joannemk@aol.com](mailto:joannemk@aol.com).

## Catching Up with Rock Spring's Seminararians

Many of you know that Carolyn Hart is completing her final year at Virginia Theological Seminary and is pursuing ordination. What you may not know is that we have another soon-to-be seminarian in our midst, Marty Martinage, who has recently been accepted into Harvard Divinity School. To get to know more about their journey, we asked them a few questions. Here are their answers.

*What gives you hope for the future of the Church?*

Carolyn: I love the thought that the church is Spirit-led and actually is, and will be, fine. Can we trust that death of some aspects of church as we knew it will surely lead to resurrection? The Spirit lives and is not going away. (Hallelujah!)

Marty: ...the outdoor ministry renaissance, which I am partially manifesting into existence... send your kids to UCC nature camp!!

*Why did you choose the seminary you did?*

Carolyn: I was raised in the Episcopal church and love its language and theology, although not its hierarchical ecclesiology so much. Also, VTS is local and as much as I liked Chicago, Lancaster, and Princeton theological seminaries, retiring from full-time work and then leaving my home and spouse or commuting long-distance to go to school just seemed wrong.

Marty: I chose Harvard Divinity School for a lot of reasons! I'm really excited about having the resources of a larger university, because my faith has always come to me in my academic life in weird roundabout ways. Second, HDS puts a big emphasis on field work being a constant part of your work as an MDiv student. Finally, it was really important to me that I go to a divinity school where I can continue to care for the communities I've become a part of during my time at Wellesley College. I'm going into a field that is so deeply based in forming and sustaining community, and it felt wrong to cut ties with the communities that I became a part of in my first years as an adult out in the world on my own. I'm so grateful that a divinity school with the resources and priorities I wanted happened to be in the city that I've tentatively started to make a home in.

*What has surprised you about seminary or what are you looking forward to?*

Carolyn: People are always the surprises... and, surprise, surprise, seminary is full of people!

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# Congregational Life

## Catching Up with Rock Spring's Seminarians, continued

Marty: I'm looking forward to figuring out how to combine my undergrad love for Tolstoy's writing on nature and theology and my faith upbringing as an outdoorsy camp kid. There's a year-long course at HDS that uses the Great Salt Lake as a grounding point for the study of contemplative traditions of the desert AND contemporary ecology and sustainability. I'm SO psyched to take it at some point during my time there!

*Do you have any idea of where your seminary journey might lead?*

Carolyn: Guest preaching and occasional presiding, and part-time hospital chaplaincy. The phenomenon of being a "supply" minister interests me also. I have the sense that the church writ-large needs people who can help by providing coverage during illness and maternity leaves, searches, etc. I would also like to do more group engagement – I loved helping with one confirmation class and am really looking forward to "The Journey" with Hannah and Laura this Spring. But overall, we just had our first grandchild, I have not done any gardening or real traveling for 3 years, and I'm not looking to work full-time!

Marty: Right now, I think I want to go into some sort of young adult/youth-focused role. I have found such immense (and sorely needed) support and solace in the adults around me during my college years, and I want to repay that kindness into the world. So I think collegiate chaplaincy could be a good fit for me. I could also see myself pursuing work in outdoor ministry or nature-based counseling programs.

## Potomac Association Revival *Love<sup>4</sup> – A Celebration of Community and Worship* **Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **People's Congregational UCC, Washington DC**

Rock Spring is part of a local association, the Potomac Association, made up of nearly 40 United Church of Christ churches stretching from Richmond, VA to Maryland. To help strengthen and revitalize the relationships between our congregations, the Association is hosting a Revival, a joy-filled opportunity to serve, play, learn, and worship together!

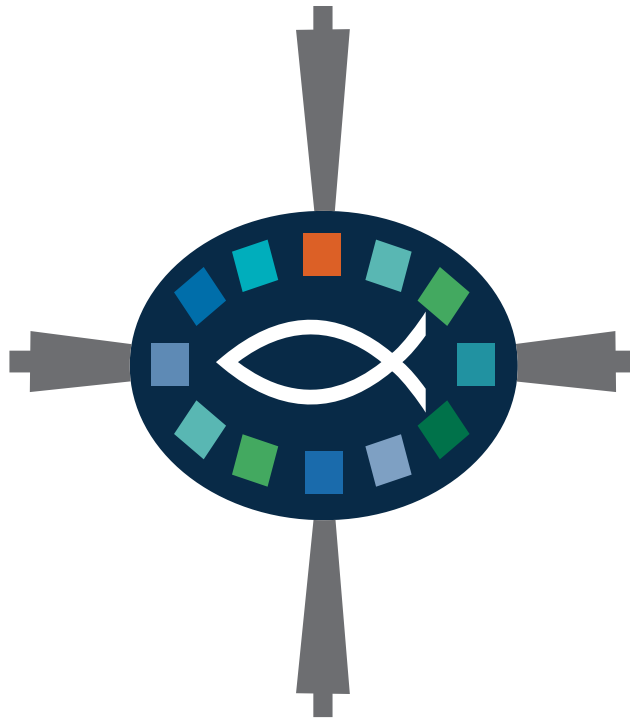
The theme of the Revival is *Love<sup>4</sup> – Love of God, Service, Church, and Neighbor.*

Throughout the day, there will be musical offerings from youth, workshops, an opportunity to work on the UCC's DC Pride Parade float, and inspired worship featuring the UCC General Minister and President, Karen Georgia Thompson, preaching. There will be offerings for people of all ages and interests.

We hope that many people from each congregation will attend all or part of the event. Please save the date and stay tuned for a more detailed schedule.

In preparation for the event, Rock Spring's Handmade Ministry is coordinating a quilting project that includes contributions from every congregation. The finished quilt and liturgical paraments will be available to travel to Potomac Association churches, symbolizing our solidarity with one another. Reach out to [Peggy Greenwood](mailto:peggygreen@aol.com) (peggygreen@aol.com) or [Martha Jolkovski](mailto:martha@jolkovski.com) (martha@jolkovski.com) to learn more.





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