

ANNOUNCING

the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington

2026-2027

Share the Plate Recipients!

2026-2027 STP Task Force

**We offer deep gratitude to the 2026-2027 STP Selection Task Force:
Anita Ayerbe, Angel Fisher, Ann Ulmschneider & Rev. CTC**

July 2026

PathForward

PathForward empowers those experiencing homelessness to build foundations of lasting stability. Their support services help remove barriers to self-sufficiency, leading to a brighter future that includes permanent housing, improved health, employment, and more. At PathForward, a dedicated team works alongside each client to create a personalized plan for success, empowering them to rebuild their lives and achieve lasting stability. To support PathForward's mission, UUCA volunteers gather monthly to pack brown-bag meals for clients and to serve hot meals at PathForward's Homeless Services Center. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate! Learn more and sign up for volunteer slots here: bit.ly/UUCABaggedmeals

August 2026

Culpepper Garden

Culpepper Garden includes three independent senior living facilities with 346 apartments. It is the largest low-income retirement property in the Arlington area, and the only one that offers a dining plan. Formed by a partnership between the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, volunteers, community leaders, financial contributors, and the county, state, and federal governments, the organization continues to offer subsidized, affordable housing for individuals in our community and assist Arlington's lowest-income residents. Please contact Emily Abraham to get involved in this worthy endeavor (emgrace@gmail.com).

September 2026

UUCA RE Program & Youth Trip

In 2026 – 2027, UUCA will continue to strengthen its Adult RE programming with LEAD, OUCH 2.0, and step fully into an expanded Seminary-For-A-Day offering. Additionally, our Youth Group democratically selects social justice activities. They are planning a 2027 Summer Social Justice/History trip. Both the trip and the activities need adult participants and helpers. So, please

contact LeeAnn Williams to volunteer or get more information (LWilliams@uucava.org).

October 2026 Alianzas Scholarship Program

With UUCA's help, this scholarship program has helped support schooling for 60 impoverished Guatemalan middle- and high-school students. Please contact Ann McKnight (amcknight4646@gmail.com) to join their efforts and learn more about their vital work.

November 2026 AFAC – Arlington Food Assistance Center

AFAC is Arlington's primary food support provider to low-income individuals and families. Through centers around the county, it provides food staples and protein products to those in need. UUCA volunteers help distribute food to AFAC clients bi-monthly, typically serving 100 to 200 Arlington families. They also assist with other activities, including food drives, p. 5 sorting donations, and direct distribution. Don't hesitate to contact Burke Kappler for more information (burke.kappler@gmail.com).

December 2026 UUCA Social Justice Fund

The UUCA Social Justice Fund supports congregational events and projects, specifically those that actively work to *Make Our World A Better, Safer, More Just Place*. In 2026-2027, a portion of your support will specifically fund ARAO (Anti-Racist/Anti-Oppression) congregational activities and learning opportunities. Don't hesitate to contact Rev. CTC (revctc@uucava.org) for more information.

***December's Christmas Eve offerings will
support the UUCA Minister's Discretionary Fund.**

January 2027 PFLAG & Mom's Demand Action (Shared Month)

PFLAG provides confidential peer support, education, and advocacy to LGBTQIA+ people, their parents and families, and allies. They also aid and support trans and other non-binary individuals. For additional information, please contact Gerda Keiswetter (gkeiswetter@aol.com) or Elizabeth Fogarty (fogartyeliz@gmail.com).

Moms Demand Action fights for public safety measures that protect people from gun violence. They pass stronger gun laws and work to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of individuals and families. In Arlington, they work within the community and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. The Arlington chapter has

approximately 200 active volunteers and is part of a movement of over 10 million volunteers nationwide.

February 2027 Little Friends For Peace

LFFP has partnered with UUCA for more than 20 years. It sponsors Peace Camps and runs peace-building programs throughout the area. Adults participate in the Peace Academy and parent/teacher workshops. Youth attend in-school and after-school programming and peace camps. UUCA members are needed to help. Please contact Mollie Jewell (molliejewell2@gmail.com) to volunteer by working with the program, joining a service project, or mentoring children.

March 2027 UUCA Annual Stewardship Campaign

April 2027 Alianzas Accompaniment

Alianzas' Accompaniment Program primarily supports the international accompaniment program of the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA). Although trips were paused by the pandemic, in the future UUCA members may have the opportunity to travel to Guatemala with an annual UUCA delegation. Contact Marcia Trick for additional information (marciatruck@gmail.com).

May 2027 ALIVE!

ALIVE! serves the Alexandria community by offering eviction prevention, food distribution, financial support, household items, and transitional assistance. UUCA volunteers assist in many ways including the food distribution effort. UUCA Contact: Ann Marie Hay (annmariehay@gmail.com).

June 2027 Equality VA

Equality UUCA (the LGBTQ+ advocacy group for UUCA) works in partnership with Equality Virginia. A non-partisan group, it advocates in the Virginia legislature for LGBTQ+ issues. Please contact Bruce Rieder (uuca.equality@gmail.com) for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: All groups will receive funds from 4 Sundays in their assigned month. January 2027 is a shared month (PFLAG & Mom's Demand Action). 5th Sunday collections in 2026-2027 (August, November, January & May) will be held by the UUCA SJ Fund and used for special appeals, emergency relief, and/or to cover expenses of our building's use by Arlington and local area Social Justice & Interfaith organizations.