

# **GUIDE TO CONNECTIONS FAIR 2018**



# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AT THE CONNECTIONS FAIR

## WE'RE EXCITED TO HAVE FOOD TRUCKS AT THIS YEAR'S CONNECTIONS FAIR!

ERUUF has a strong commitment to environmental sustainability and we'd like make this a low waste event.

The Earth Justice Team has worked with our vendors to reduce or eliminate the packaging and wrapping that they give out and to use compostable materials to the extent possible. Please thank them for their willingness to make changes.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO!

There will be three stations with a trio of bins: compost, recycling and landfill trash. They are labeled on your map and are clearly marked.

Denise Frizzell or Kristie Mather will be on hand to help with questions on waste disposal or you can ask at the Earth Justice table.

Let's see how little landfill trash we can create!

Beyond today's Connections Fair, we invite all of us to put our UU Principles into action in all areas of our lives. This includes practicing the 4Rs of reducing consumption, reusing items, recycling, and rotting (composting). Together we can support all living things on our amazing Blueboat Home!

**Earth Justice Action Team**



## FINDING YOUR SELFIE @ ERUUF!

Come take an individual or group selfie and post on ERUUF's facebook page or other social media using our new hashtag: #findingyourself@ERUUF

We'll have fun accessories and selfie sticks on hand!

*Location: Fellowship Hall*



## !! FOOD TRUCKS !!

Purchase something yummy to eat from So Good Pupusas or Will and Pops Food Truck right on the drive across from the CARE Building.

Each child and youth receives a ticket for a free popsicle from Citizen Pops! (Adults purchase their pops.)

## FOOD TRUCK CAFES!

**Outdoors:** Nosh at the picnic tables and benches outdoors on the grass to the right of the food trucks.

**Indoors:** Wanna get out of the heat? Nosh at a table in the cool of the Fellowship Hall. We'll have our usual Sunday coffee available too!

## IT'S FALL, Y'ALL!

November Barn Dance for the whole congregation!

- Deepen relationships at ERUUF.
- Laugh and have fun.
- Learn to dance.

### NEEDS:

1. *Folks to table on Sundays.*
2. *Volunteers the night of the event.*

*See Table #18 in the Fellowship Hall*



# GOVERNANCE

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

### *Table #1*

- Share your leadership ability, organization skills and forward thinking with the Fellowship.
- Learn more about ERUUF's big picture and how it operates.
- Learn from respected leaders.

**NEEDS:** *Volunteers before and during the March pledge drive for multiple committees. Descriptions and sign up sheets at our table.*

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### *Table #2*

We hold in trust the vision, values and resources of ERUUF for the congregation.

- Help shape ERUUF's future by sharing your views of our vision with the Board and participating in Board listening sessions.
- Get to know fellow members, their dreams and talents, and how we all work together to fulfill our mission.
- Serve the Fellowship by nominating yourself or others for the Board of Trustees.

**NEEDS:** *Serve as a lay member of Board Communications and Governance Committees.*

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### *Table #2*

Nominate ERUUF members to governance positions.

- Broaden your circle of friends and acquaintances at ERUUF.
- Become familiar with the governance side of the congregation.
- Take on an important leadership role in the congregation.

# MUSIC MAIN STAGE

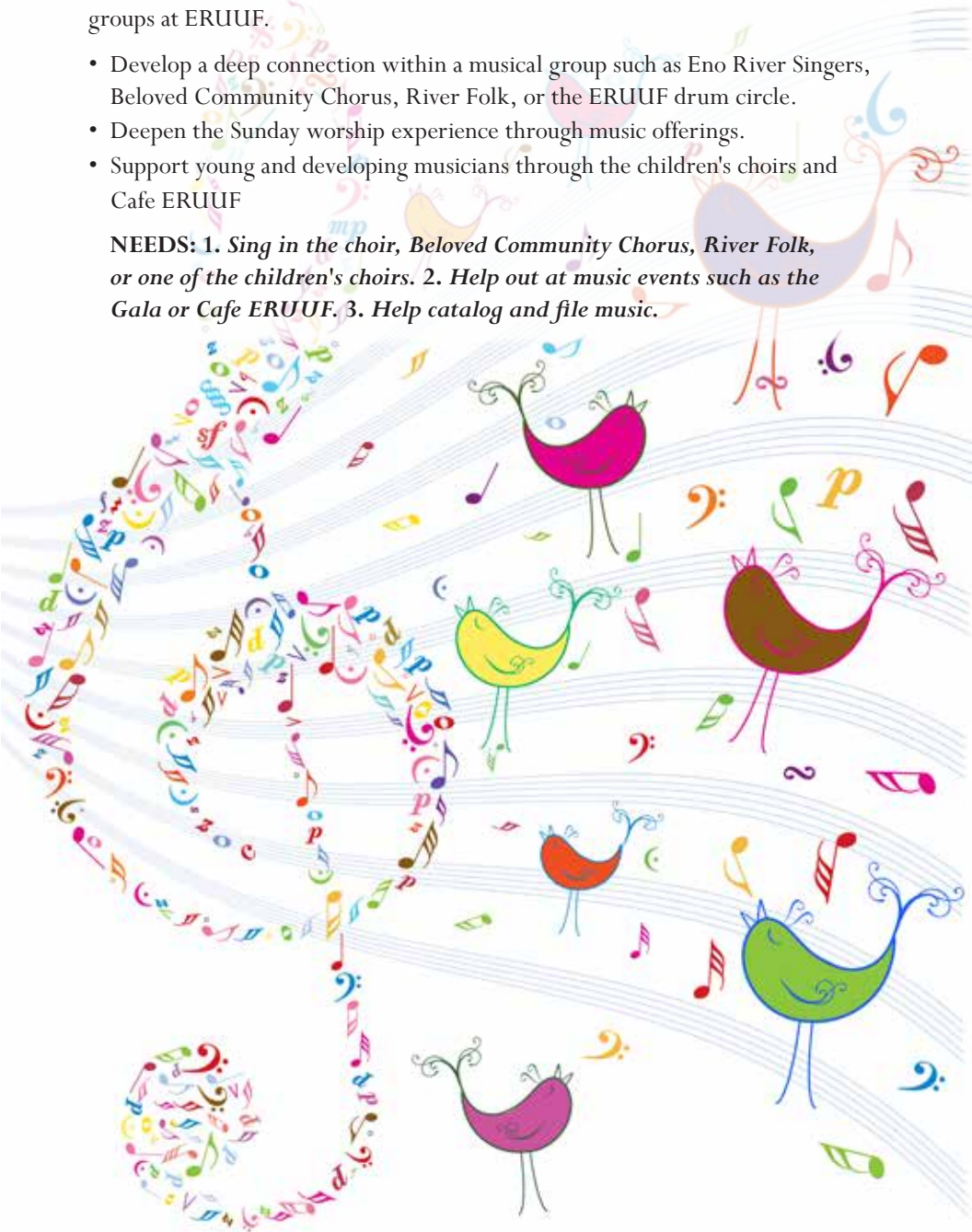
## ERUUF MUSIC PROGRAM

Table #14

We support and help facilitate music of all kinds performed by individuals or groups at ERUUF.

- Develop a deep connection within a musical group such as Eno River Singers, Beloved Community Chorus, River Folk, or the ERUUF drum circle.
- Deepen the Sunday worship experience through music offerings.
- Support young and developing musicians through the children's choirs and Cafe ERUUF

**NEEDS:** 1. *Sing in the choir, Beloved Community Chorus, River Folk, or one of the children's choirs.* 2. *Help out at music events such as the Gala or Cafe ERUUF.* 3. *Help catalog and file music.*



## CARE MINISTRY TEAM

Table #6

Caring for members of the congregation.

- Support members in their sorrows and concerns.
- Learn about empathetic listening and caring.
- Share time and talent with members.

**NEEDS:** 1. *Drivers for doctors appointments or lessons, as needed.* 2. *People to take meals to members.* 3. *Pastoral Associates who visit those with sorrows or needs.*



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## CLICKING FOR A CAUSE

Table #7

Spiritual people creating comfort and warmth for our community with needles, hooks, and yarn.

- Experience the ways in the which the rhythm of knitting and crochet can enhance your spiritual life.
- Develop relationships with other members of ERUUF.
- Participate in service projects outside the walls of ERUUF.

**NEEDS:** 1. *Knitters and crocheters to create 7" x 9" blocks.* 2. *People to sew blocks together into blankets or shawls and add crocheted borders.* 3. *Donations of acrylic, worsted weight yarn.*

# CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

## PARENTS GROUP WATER STATION

Table #21

Hydrate and replenish your thirst right here!

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Tables #22 - 23

Religious Education strives to nurture the ethical development, faith development, spiritual development, and Unitarian Universalist values in children, youth and families at ERUUF and beyond.

- Become a moral and spiritual guide for children and youth.
- Melt from the sweetness and generosity of children.
- Laugh, soften, open, become more vulnerable oneself, and support the deep, religious roots and wings of our littlest ones.

**NEEDS:** 1. *Teach in Religious Education as a lead, assistant, or substitute teacher.* 2. *Join the Parents Group and/or co-plan an ERUUF family gathering (like the October Pumpkin party).* 3. *During the week, help RE Assistant organize curriculum, clean closets, create flyers, decorate for events, make RE art.*

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## GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 693

Table #24

Building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

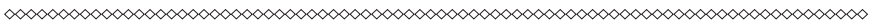
- Girls (and those who identify as such) explore the Girl Scout experience with ERUUFians and non-UU's from our community.
- Families encouraged to be involved with all troop activities.
- Adults lead or mentor girls, leading to awareness of their different generations

**NEEDS:** 1. *Leaders to help present materials to girls and facilitate girls' discussions and planning of activities;* 2. *Special Topic Guests-Women from all walks of life - Business, Education, Sciences, Arts, willing to talk about their experiences;* 3. *Artists and craftspersons willing to teach a little of what they do.*

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## Table #25

- Grow future leaders.
- Nurture young people.
- Connect with families and community.



## MULTICULTURAL TEAM

*Table #3*

- Engage in conversation with people who have different views than you.
- Create spaces for conversation across differences.
- Explore ways to be an advocate for People of Color and other disenfranchised groups.

*NEEDS: Volunteers to help in 1. Working with RE; 2.Kwanzaa Karamu; 3. Programming*



## Table #4

- Deepen relationships at ERUUF.
- Connect craft with spirituality.
- Have fun!



## Table #5

- Become the friendly face of ERUUF on Sunday.
- Help visitors know about ERUUF.
- Assist visitors and members with any needs.

**NEEDS:** 1. 9:00 am Greeters. 2. 11:15 am Greeters. 3. Greeters to Sub when regular greeters are unavailable.

## FLOWER TEAM

### Table #8

We provide a floral focal point for Sunday services.

- Develop your inner flower arranger!
- Enhance the beauty of our sanctuary.
- Look at flowers and greenery in a whole new way!

**NEEDS:** 1. *Sign up to donate a flower arrangement.* 2. *Sign up to cut & arrange flowers from your yard.* 3. *Sign up to buy & arrange flowers or plants.*

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## GARDEN TEAM

### Table #8

Engaged ERUUFians keeping our gardens beautiful & functional.

- Share your gardening skills and knowledge.
- Have fun with people that share your interests.
- Deepen your connections with nature.

**NEEDS:** 1. *People to adopt & maintain specific gardens areas.* 2. *Folks to work on the first Saturday of the month on whatever the season calls for* 3. *Folks who can provide heavy lifting power when we need it.*

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## ERUUF PLAYERS

### Table #13

We are a readers theater and welcome all whether with or without acting experience.

- Discover the inner “ham” within.
  - Serve ERUUF with entertainment and a loving message.
  - Laugh and have fun while expanding your theatrical expression.
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## SUNDAY COFFEE TEAM

### Table #15

Make coffee for after services “Coffee & Conversation” in the Fellowship Hall.

- Build bonds and friendship.
- Have fun!
- Contribute to fellowship at ERUUF.

**NEEDS:** *Volunteers to fill vacancies for coffee help on the monthly schedule.*

## ACTIVITIES WITH ERUUFANS (AWE)

Table #17

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### MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Table #19 / Fellowship Hall

Stop by our table and take your ERUUF Selfie! Whether it's your first visit or your first year, the Membership Team is here to help you on your ERUUF journey.

- Take the eight (8) Inquirers Series of classes to learn about ERUUF -- who we are and what's important to us.
- Learn how to become a member of ERUUF.
- Become a welcoming part of ERUUF.

**NEEDS:** 1. Visitor Hosts. 2. Membership Associates to help with ongoing projects.

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### ADULT PROGRAMS TEAM

Table #20 / Fellowship Hall

We organize and facilitate adult programs that support ERUUFians' commitment to personal and spiritual growth.

- Learn about the spiritual journeys of your fellow ERUUFians
- Learn about UU history, theology, and spiritual practices.
- Learn how to explore and express your own UU identity.

**NEEDS:** 1. Class facilitators interested in UU history, theology, and spiritual practices. 2. ERUUFians interested in supporting and growing adult programs to join the Adult Programs Team.

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### LIBRARY

Table #34 - CARE Building Library

Maintain ERUUF's library collection.

- Find references of interest: parents and family, self help, social justice, religion and Unitarian Universalism?

# FAITH / SOURCES GROUPS

## A COURSE IN MIRACLES

### *Table #9*

Removing blocks to the awareness of love's presence.

- Laugh and have fun.
  - Share community.
  - Find peace.
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## ERUUF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### *Table #10*

We meet twice a month to explore how the teachings of Jesus can help us live into the Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism in today's world.

- Become more acquainted with Jesus the teacher, Challenger of the Status Quo, and his message of Unconditional Love while exploring what it means to be a follower rather than a believer.
  - Expand your personal search for life's truth and meaning by digging deeper into the 4th UU Source and Jesus' teaching - Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.
  - Discover inspiring authors of UU/Progressive Christian thought who are reclaiming what it means to consider oneself a "Christian".
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## ENO RIVER BUDDHIST COMMUNITY

### *Table #11*

A meditation and study group drawing from early Buddhist sources.

- Cultivate meditation practice.
  - Understand Buddhist teachings.
  - Support for one another in developing spiritual practice.
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## HUMANIST GROUP

### *Table #11*

Community for non-theists & free-thinkers.

- Find friends who share your non-theist worldview
- Great discussions on diverse topics
- Some great TED talks

*NEEDS: 1. Help with leadership; 2. Great ideas for discussion topics.*

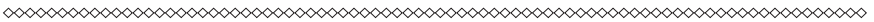
# ERUUF JEWISH FELLOWSHIP

## Table #12

Promote personal growth and fellowship through educational programs, cultural exposure, and spiritual embrace of Judaism within the walk of Unitarian Universalism.

- Keep a connection with Judaic customs and traditions within the world of Unitarian Universalism.
- Enjoy friendships and social opportunities in smaller group settings.
- Appreciate the joy of fellowship!

**NEEDS:** *We are a young group, so we accept all forms of help from administrative to physically setting up for events.*



# JUSTICE VILLAGE

## JUSTICE MINISTRY

### Table #26

The Justice Ministry coordinates justice efforts among numerous action groups at ERUUF.

- Live and grow our spirituality through action.
- Build relationships among like-minded within and beyond ERUUF.
- Make a difference in our communities with regard to justice.

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## EL CENTRO HISPANO TUTORS

### Table #27

Volunteers partner with elementary school students to build literacy and math skills now through late May.

- We build community - with our students, their families, the wider El Centro community, and fellow ERUUFians.
- We put our values into action - we care about immigrant rights, equitable education, and children.
- We have fun - we learn, we laugh, and we form deep meaningful relationships as participants in the beautiful multicultural, multilingual community of Durham.

**NEEDS:** *Volunteer Tutors! Ideally tutors can make a weekly commitment for the school year (now through mid-May, with winter/spring break). No Spanish necessary!*

## REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT ACTION GROUP

### Table #27

Support & advocacy for refugees and immigrants.

- Help refugees as they settle in Durham.
- Learn about how we can offer "sanctuary everywhere."
- Work together to advocate for immigrant justice.

*NEEDS 1. Join us in local activities & networking on behalf of immigrants; 2. Support refugees – multiple volunteer options; 3. Help with our PR efforts to spread the word about immigrant justice actions.*

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## SISTER COMMUNITIES OF SAN RAMON, NICARAGUA

### Table #28

- Create ties of peace and friendship with people in the rural mountainous county. Rural school construction and cultural immersion ecotours are our hallmarks.
- Make a difference in the lives of our friends in the mountains of San Ramon.
- Join a cultural immersion ecotour to build ties of peace and friendship in San Ramon.

*NEEDS: 1. Sell San Ramon coffee at ERUUF one Sunday a month. 2. Promote RE's rural school partner by joining a small team to teach an RE class. 3. Sell crafts during the holidays.*

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## SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS

### Table #29

- Giving gifts for Durhamites moving from homelessness to first apartment.
- Practical help for Durham citizens.
- Sharing gifts to help Durham citizens.

*NEEDS: Volunteers to table after services on Sundays during November and December.*

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## LAKEWOOD BAG PACKING TEAM

### Table #29

We pack 30 bags of food for needy families weekly during the school year.

- Make a difference in Durham.
- Work in partnership with another ERUUFian and Duke retiree volunteers.
- Connect to other Justice Ministry activities/volunteers.

*NEEDS: 10-12 volunteers to fill our roster for the 2018-2019 school year.*

# HOMELESS ACTION GROUP

## Table #30

Work to support our homeless neighbors.

- Live your UU values.
- Work to build a better community.
- Make meaningful connections.

***NEEDS:** 1. People willing to form support groups to mentor. 2. Team leaders for new crew opportunities. 3. Cooks and bakers.*

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# EARTH JUSTICE

## Table #31

Transform the ERUUF community to fully engage in addressing the climate crisis as a moral issue that is inextricably linked to our commitment to work for justice, equity, and inclusion.

- Live and advance your UU Principles.
- Build meaningful connection.
- Engagement in purposeful action and service.

***NEEDS:** Project facilitation/management.*

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# PRIDE+ ACTION TEAM

## Table #32

We advocate for the inclusion and equity of LGBTQ+ persons.

- Find support from a caring community.
- Teach group members about the realities of your life.
- Socialize with LGBTQ+ folks and allies.

***NEEDS:** 1. Assistance with Durham Pride activities. 2. Help with planning activities for the group. 3. Assist in promoting our group with graphic arts and other creative skills.*

## ADVANCING DEMOCRACY

### Table #33

Build racial and gender equity through conversations about voter education and engagement.

- Put your UU values into action.
- Meet more ERUUF and Durham folks.
- Learn ways to make democracy more inclusive.

***NEEDS: 1. Help host a volunteer group at ERUUF. 2. Practice educating potential voters. 3. Talk by phone or in person about why one vote matters***

## DURHAM CAN ACTION TEAM

### Table #33

We organize within ERUUF to support Durham CAN.

- Make a difference in Durham.
- Build and deepen relationships with others.
- Live out UU principles beyond the walls of our institution.

***NEEDS: 1. Attend Durham CAN Actions and events. 2. Become a leader within the Action and work to organize ERUUF to support CAN actions and events.***



# CONNECTIONS FAIR 2018

## TABLE GUIDE



### TABLE #

1. Stewardship
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8. Flower Team / Gardening Team
9. A Course In Miracles
10. ERUUF Christian Fellowship
11. Eno River Buddhist Community / ERUUF Humanist Group
12. ERUUF Jewish Fellowship
13. ERUUF Players
14. MUSIC MAIN STAGE
15. Sunday Coffee Team
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17. Activities With ERUUFians (AWE)
18. It's Fall Y'all!
19. Membership Team

### FINDING YOUR SELFIE AT ERUUF STATION!

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21. Parents Group Water Station
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24. Girl Scouts Troop #693
25. Family Preschool
26. Justice Ministry
27. Refugee & Immigration Action Group / El Centro Tutoring Program
28. Sister Communities of San Ramon
29. Lakewood Bag Packing / Share Your Christmas
30. Homeless Action Group
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32. Pride + Action Group
33. Advancing Democracy / Durham CAN Action Groups
34. ERUUF Library