



HIGHLIGHTS

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April 7 Congregational Meeting Re-Cap

—*Tod Geimer*

The primary purpose of the April 7 Congregational Meeting was to elect the new slate of officers for the 2013-2014 church year. This election was a little unusual in that there were two open positions on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee; that of Vice President and Secretary. Michael Willis, Bryan Barrett, and Leo Karpeles accepted nominations from the floor for the position of Vice President. Michael Willis won the vote. This left the secretary position unfilled. As per the rules for unfilled nominations, the Board appointed Bryan Barrett as Interim Secretary for the remainder of the year at the April 14 Board meeting. Several officers will continue in the positions they already hold, including John Woolums as President; Annie Thornton as Finance Officer; and Sarah Scott and Charlie Gross as Trustees. Alethea Shiplett is a newly-elected Trustee.

The Building Committee gave an update on the Capital Campaign, which is now expected to be stretched out over many years with the permitting and bidding process on hold. As a result of this, the Building Committee recommended some parts of the long range plan be implemented now, using currently received capital funds. The congregation voted to allocate approximately \$700K to make infrastructure improvements to (1) connect to public water, (2) assess and repair the septic system, (3) repair the foundation and remediate mold and (4) install geo-thermal. A motion was made and passed to authorize this capital expenditure.

The congregation also voted to modify the constitution to increase the size of the Nominating Committee from five to nine members. This change was recommended after a review of Nominating Committee practices at other similar-sized churches.

Annie Thornton gave a review of the status of the current budget. In short, pledges came in about \$30K less than what is needed to keep the church running as we would like. Therefore, there will be cost-cutting measures implemented, and the COLA given to the staff was rescinded. The Finance Committee will continue to review, adjust, and take action as necessary. There will also be several additional fundraisers held throughout the year in an attempt to raise the necessary \$30K.

Finally, Jim Langston and Marlene Brown presented 'Shining Lights' awards to members of the congregation who have made significant contributions to UUCA, and Unitarian Universalism in gen-

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***Next Highlights Deadline:
May 15.***

eral. Such awards were given to Cliff Andrews, Betty Crowley, Jan Bird, Jeanne Slawson, Caroline Hadley, and Russell Morris.





**WHO WE ARE
AND
WHAT WE BELIEVE**

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, we are seekers of the truth.

We invite all persons of every faith, creed, culture and background to engage in a search for truth with us. We believe in the dignity and worth of every human being and in freedom of expression. We welcome and celebrate all people, be they straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

We are committed to this church as an institution, to social justice, to liberal religious exploration and education for all ages, to mutual caring and support, and to the value of diversity.

We strive to care about each other and the health of our community and the world. We are an environmentally sensitive, "green" community.

This church is a place of safety for each person's mind, body and spirit. Toward that end, we covenant to affirm and promote: Honesty and authenticity in our relationships; words that are supportive and caring, not belittling or demeaning; a welcoming and non-judgmental attitude; respect for each person's boundaries of mind, body and spirit; and listening to one another.

In order to serve the congregation and the greater community, we also strive to create an environment that challenges, inspires, encourages and supports the quest for religious fulfillment.

Please join us!

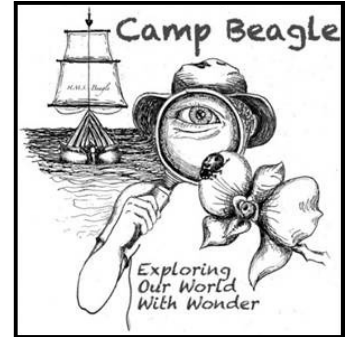
Camp Beagle

—Dayna Edwards

Camp Beagle preparations are well under way!

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to share their knowledge, lead a "club" in the afternoon, or simply help out around camp. Volunteering is flexible – you can help out for a few hours, or a few days.

Mandatory volunteer training – for all those interacting with children in any way during camp – please plan on attending one of the following training dates: **June 23** or **June 30**, 12:00 – 2:00 PM in the RE sanctuary.



Camp Beagle **FIELD TRIP**: Camp Beagle is leading a family-based meet-up at the Laurel Dinosaur Park. This is a chance for families to connect and get to know the volunteers before camp starts. All are welcome to attend. The Dinosaur Park is a 41-acre park in Laurel, MD, featuring a rare deposit of fossils from the Cretaceous Period (144 to 65 million years ago). You can join paleontologists and volunteers on-site to interpret fossil deposits.

Join us **June 15**, 11:45 AM, at the Dinosaur Park (13200 block of Mid-Atlantic Blvd., Laurel, 20708). After touring the park and digging for our own fossils, we will have a picnic lunch. Please bring your own lunch, water, sunscreen, and hat.

For information regarding the Camp Beagle field trip, if you would like to volunteer, or for general inquiries about Camp Beagle...contact Admiral Dayna Edwards; uucampbeagle@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

The April Second Sunday Outreach Collection, to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, totaled \$1,286.00.

The mission of the Club is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. This donation will help subsidize the costs of serving 2,500 youth annually at six Club locations in Annapolis, Pasadena, and Severn. Additionally, AWAKE Ministries is currently planning a partnership with the Club that includes "Power Source", an emotional literacy program for at-risk youth. For more information, contact Linda Mundy or visit bgcaa.com.

If you are interested in applying for a Second Sunday Outreach Collection for your project or program, request an application in the church office or contact Diane Goforth at dsgoforth@aol.com; 410-544-2244.



Rev. Christina Leone,
Faith Development Minister



Calling All Helpers!

Rev. Christina and DRE Dayna Edwards are looking for people who are interested in helping for the 2013-14 Religious Exploration year. You don't need to have a child to volunteer; our goal is to have at least 20% non-parent involvement! The sooner we know who is on board, the sooner we can plan, coordinate, and create a great 2013-14 church year! The following are descriptions of different areas in which you could volunteer:

Religious Exploration Class Facilitator:

"Spirit Play"-- Montessori-model R.E. for ages 3-5 years (9:00 or 11:00 AM)

"Spirit Play" -- Montessori-model R.E. for ages 6-8 years (9:00 or 11:00 AM)

"URUU" -- UU-identity curriculum for ages 9-10 years (9:00 or 11:00 AM)

"Neighboring Faiths" -- world religions curriculum for ages 11-12 (9:00 AM only)

"Our Whole Lives" (OWL) -- human sexuality curriculum (training required) for ages 12-13 (9:00 AM only)

"Coming of Age" (COA) -- rite of passage curriculum for ages 13-14 (9:00 AM only)

"YRUU" -- high school youth group advisor for ages 14-18 (9:00 AM only)

And/Or...

Would you like to share your passion on ONE Sunday with our elementary age kids?

Stories will be chosen that relate to the worship themes, and "guest facilitators" will share their energy and passion, tying activities into the theme and story, ONE Sunday each month at 9am. A great way to see if Religious Exploration is a good fit for you!

And/Or...

Would you be willing to serve in a "behind the scenes" way to make our program run well?

Data Entry or Administration

R.E. Publicity (photos, bulletin boards, articles)

Organizing (storage room, classrooms)

Playscape (playground) planning and creation

And/Or...

Would you like to help coordinate some of our multi-generational events during the year?

Trunk or Treat (*features a 'haunted house', crafts, face painting, decorated car trunks, & spooky decorations*)

Seder (*Passover meal*)

Stone Soup (*December holiday celebration centered around the story Stone Soup*)

Easter Egg Hunt (*held Easter Sunday morning*)

Dancing on the Side of Love (*family-friendly dancing led by a DJ*)

Cabaret Night (*lasagna dinner, arts fair, a raffle, and musical performances*)

If you are interested in helping out in any way, or if you have further questions about any of these roles...

...please contact Rev. Christina Leone; cleone@uuannapolis.org, or Dayna Edwards; dedwards@uuannapolis.org.

Thank You!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AT UUCA



May's Theme: *Vocation*

Sunday, May 5:

9:00 AM

"Community as a Beloved Vocation" Emerson Zora Hamsa

Building and sustaining community are significant aspects of our call to Unitarian Universalist faith. Creativity and future-oriented thinking are tools that help us do the work of community. Join seminary student and UUCA member Emerson Zora Hamsa in a conversation about why shaping the Beloved Community is important and necessary work for us all. Music provided by the Sounds of Spirit Choir & Band.

11:00 AM

"Vocation" Spirited Worship Rev. Fred Muir

This morning's Spirited Worship is based on this month's worship theme, "vocation". Music provided by the Sounds of Spirit Choir & Band.

Sunday, May 12:

"Mothers of Our Faith" Rev. Christina Leone

We hear a lot about our religious founding fathers... Francis David, Channing, Ballou, Emerson... But what about our founding mothers? Join Rev. Christina for a Mother's Day celebration of some fantastic women who helped shape our faith in the past, and inspire us

for the future. Music by the UUCA Choir.

Sunday, May 19:

"Life Is Sad, So Laugh Often" Intern Minister Daniel Gregoire

We were born to laugh. Laughter is the best medicine, it is also the best teacher. It teaches us to release, let go, and to be courageous in the world. This service will explore using the tool of laughter in the vocation we call life. Music by Sara Jones.

Sunday, May 26:

"Go Inside to Find My God" Rev. John Crestwell

Let's talk about the God of our understanding and how to find the authentic self. Music by Betsy Kraning.



**Summer Worship Schedule
begins on
Sunday, May 26.
One service only at 10:00 AM.**

Podcasts of weekly sermons are available online at www.uucamd.libsyn.com.

Vocation

"The notion of vocation describes a 'call'; work that is given to us, that we are meant to do. We don't decide what our vocation is, we receive it. It always originates from outside us. Therefore, we can't talk about vocation or a calling without acknowledging that there is something going on beyond our narrow sense of self. It helps remind us that there's more than just me, that we're part of a larger and purpose-filled place. "

*—adapted from
Margaret Wheatley*



Welcome New Members

UUCA gladly welcomes the following new members, all of whom signed the Membership Book on April 14:

Michael Cain
Kristina Cain
Lettie Weldon
Lauri Greer-Bianco
Andrea Greer-Bianco
Michaela Greene

Please introduce yourself to them the next time you are in church, and help them become a part of our church family!

Greeting as a Ministry

—Rev. Christina Leone

For several years, this church had an incredible Membership Coordinator - Susan Eckert -who could be found at the front of the church each Sunday morning as a welcoming face. She was, in effect, a "professional greeter". She did many other things in addition to that... But it was wonderful to have her welcoming face each Sunday. Susan's responsibilities have shifted, and now she is our Church Administrator. The role of "Greeter" is entirely lay-coordinated! Our congregation is only as welcoming as our members and friends, so... Will you serve as a Greeter?

Greeting is easy!

Q. What's the required time commitment?

A. Approximately once a month, show up 15 minutes early, and stand at the greeter table. Welcome folks as they come in, and remain there through the first half of the service to assist any latecomers .

Q. How will I know what to do?

A. You will be trained. If you forget, you can ask someone on the Membership Team or a minister for help.

Q. What if I say the wrong thing?

A. There's no right or wrong thing to say. "Welcome to UUCA" is perfect! Ask people if they're new or if they've been coming a while. Ask them what brought them here today.

Q. I don't want to be pushy. Why do we need Greeters, anyway?

A. Newcomers appreciate a friendly face, and some guidance. No one says you need to be pushy to be friendly! Invite them to wear a nametag and sign up for our weekly or monthly newsletter. And, let them know about the "yellow mug", so that other church members can reach out to them as well.

Greeting is an important ministry of the church, and takes no advance planning or follow-up! It's a win-win! Without friendly folks to welcome our newcomers, it is likely that they will feel unwelcomed, and drift away. Please contact Rev. Christina Leone (cleone@uuannapolis.org) if you are willing to serve as a Greeter.

ALSO NEEDED: Greeter Coordinator!

Please contact Rev. Christina if you are interested in the role of coordinating the Greeters. The primary responsibility of the Greeter Coordinator is organizing the schedule and contacting folks for sign-ups and weekly reminders. The Coordinator also shares the schedule with the church office, so that Greeters can be acknowledged in the Order of Service.

Annual Seder

—Dayna Edwards

This year's Passover Seder, held on Saturday, March 30, was a huge success! Under the direction of USNA Rabbi Joshua Sherwin, LT, CHC, everyone sang songs, played games and enjoyed a traditional Seder meal. It was truly a multi-generational event with the youngest attendees not quite two years old. Families of all faith backgrounds came to celebrate and reflect on metaphorical and literal liberation from the things and people that oppress us. Special thanks goes to Beth Stribley, Sally Wood, Shelley Nituama, Heather Millar, Claire Morgen, Carol Brown, Jean McCarty, Diane Benner, Tod Geimer, Daniel Gregoire, and all those who brought food and stayed to help clean up. It was a fun and fulfilling night!



Enjoying the Seder meal.

UU Buddhist Fellowship Gathering

—Lois Fussell

The weekend of April 5 - 7, over one hundred people attended the fifth biannual UU Buddhist Fellowship meeting at the Pearlstone Convention Center located in a quiet, rural setting near Reisterstown, MD. Though the majority of attendees represented East Coast groups, some attendees came from Southern California, New Mexico, Wyoming and Chicago. The experience of the participants varied from long-time to novice. Members of UUCA in attendance included Debbie Cole, Phyllis Culham, Corinne Emerson, Bob Ertman, Christina Fiedler, Lois Fussell, Karen Holcomb, and John Potts, along with others from the Mindfulness Practice Group including Intern Minister Daniel Gregoire.

The three-day program included daily sitting meditation and a day of practice led by Tara Brach, Ph.D., author of two books and founder and senior teacher of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington, D.C. There were discussions of sangha-building and workshops on Buddhist Women, Pure Land Buddhism and, the most popular, Nonviolent Communication and Prison Dharma which was led by Karen Holcomb and Barbra Esher.

Tara Brach offered insights into getting in touch with one's own sensations and being aware of the sensations of others. What could have been a dull prescription was interspersed with humor.

The gathering closed on Sunday with an inspiring UU-and-Buddhist worship service led by Rev. Meg Riley, Senior Minister of the Church of the Larger Fellowship at UUA headquarters and Rev. Mary Grigolia, UU minister and composer, whose songs were used in the program.

(Resources: see marygrigolia.com and click on 'music' to sample her recordings and song books. Learn about the mega-congregation of the Church of the Larger Fellowship at clf.uua.org. It connects us through Interbeing with nearly 500 prisoners, military personnel around the world, and outreach to the un-churched young.)



Karen Holcomb leads workshop.

Coming of Age Boston Pilgrimage

—Tricia Hopkins

The annual Coming of Age pilgrimage to Boston took place March 28 - April 1, with nine amazing youth and three supportive adults. The magic and excitement of our time in Boston is a real counterpoint to the recent tragedies at the Boston Marathon; our hearts and support go out to those affected in such a wonderful city.

Many UU activities were included in the overflowing itinerary. Along with the customary visits to UUA, the UUSC, and a UU Divinity student-led walking tour of UU churches, the UU highlights included playing the pipe organ and the steeple bells at the Arlington Street Church and a service led by the Divinity students at Harvard. IN addition, this COA group will be the last to visit the UUA at Beacon Street; next year's group will visit the new location at 24 Farnsworth in the Innovation District.



COA visits UUA on Beacon St.

During our stay at the Elliot and Picket House in Beacon Hill (enviously close to Boston Commons) we had the time to get to know the UU groups there from Harford County and Columbia, MD, as well as a group from Blacksburg, Virginia. Our talented youth got to participate in a class at the Boston Improv, and then share the stage for a few skits later that evening with the very talented comedians at Boston Improv.

All of our Boston experiences expanded our COA community, our support of each other, and our individual sense of who we are. We want to especially thank the UUCA congregation for your love and support of us all.

BOSTON 2013 was a huge success!

UU Humanists Survey Summary

—Cliff Andrew



At the March 24 “Seek and Ye Shall Find” Worship Service, the UU Humanists conducted a survey of attendees. 160 congregants responded. They were told to check off ALL the answers that applied to them Here is a summary of the results:

1. RELIGIOUS SELF-IDENTITY: 59% Consider themselves UU. 41% Spiritual. 36% Humanist. 20% Agnostic. 18% Freethinker. 17% Naturalist. 14 % Protestant. 14% Skeptic. 12% Religious. 12% Buddhist. 12% Atheist. 11% Pagan.
2. WORLDVIEW: 42% Believe there is a lot of mystery that science can never explain. 34% Believe in a higher power. 34% Believe that the natural universe we partially understand (space-time, matter-energy, and laws to explain it) is all there is; that there is nothing mystical or supernatural. 22% Believe in God, prayer, spirit, souls and afterlife.
3. MEANING & TRUTH: 65% Believe individuals must find their own truth; that there are many paths. 31% Believe that the best approximation of truth is obtained through application of empiric scientific method and testing of falsifiable hypotheses. 27% Find truth and meaning through meditation and or prayer. 20% Believe that there is no absolute truth.
4. SPIRITUALITY: 81% Believe in the importance of having a sense of wonder, gratitude and appreciation for all the amazing natural things in the real world within and around us. 46% Feel awed by all the mystery around them. 44% Consider themselves spiritual. 22% Believe in the spirit of God.
5. RELIGION: 69% Attend church for community and self-betterment. 60% Believe that it is important to meet with like-minded people to share ideas and work toward common goals. 41% Pursue social justice activities in and out of church. 39% Believe that church is a place to share their spirituality.
6. ETHICS & PRINCIPLES: 73% Believe that empathy and compassion are evolved, evolving, important and beneficial traits of our species. 59% Try to follow the Seven UU Principles. 54% Believe that many religions share concepts of the golden rule and love one another.
7. RESPECT: 87% Believe in listening and respecting the beliefs of others, while having the courage to share their own ideas with others. 44% Believe that we should encourage spiritual growth within our congregations.

The full survey results have been posted on the [UU Humanist Facebook page](#).

Good News! New Sanctuary Windows Equal Utility & Energy Savings for UUCA!

—Susan Eckert

The new Sanctuary windows installed this past October not only look great and are much easier to operate; they are saving the church money and helping the environment through reduced costs and energy consumption. Our utility expenses for first quarter 2013 were 15% less than for the same period in 2012. Given that temperatures were an average of 4.67°F lower for this same period than in 2012, this is truly a cost and energy savings.

“Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it, I must listen to my life telling me who I am.”

—Parker J. Palmer,
*Let Your Life Speak: Listening
for the Voice of Vocation*





UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Musings - Join your ministers on the first Monday of the month for conversation about what's on their minds, what's on your minds, and what's going on at UUCA. The first session will be held Monday, **May 6** at 7:00 PM in the RE Sanctuary.

Gallery 333 introduces artist CL Bigelow in an exhibit of collages and paintings entitled "Evolution". The show runs from May 5 - June 25. This exhibit presents geometrically organized collages giving new life for cast off materials and subject matter, enabling us to see new from the old. Paintings also give a new viewpoint to the familiar. Join us to meet the artist on Sunday, **May 5**, 12:15 to 1:30 PM in the Gallery.

Welcome to UUCA Class: Considering membership or simply wanting to refresh your knowledge of all things UU? Explore both the practical and profound sides of Unitarian Universalism in this class. *RSVP to membership@uuannapolis.org by May 1* to reserve your place at the two Sunday afternoon sessions; **May 5** and **May 19**, 12:30 - 3:30 PM. Let us know by April 29 whether you need childcare, which is available at \$20.00/child, \$40.00/two or more children. After completing *Welcome to UUCA*, you will have the opportunity to pledge and be recognized at our New Member Welcome Ceremony on Sunday, June 9.

UU Humanists invite you to a discussion of Daniel C. Dennett's *Intuition Pumps & Other Tools for*

Thinking; **May 9 & 20** at 6:45 PM. "One of the world's leading philosophers offers aspiring thinkers his personal trove of mind-stretching thought experiments. A sweeping work of intellectual seriousness that's also studded with impish delights, *Intuition Pumps* offers intrepid thinkers, in all walks of life, delicious opportunities to explore their pet ideas with new powers." In addition, join us **May 9** for a luncheon with Daniel Dennett at the Center for Inquiry, Washington DC. Visit centerforinquiry.net/dc/events and search for Daniel Dennett. Contact: Cliff Andrew; neurol@verizon.net.

The *Mindfulness Practice Group* welcomes Claude AnShin Thomas; Zen Buddhist Monk, Vietnam vet, author, and advocate for nonviolence. He leads a talk entitled "The Real Costs of War" on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00 PM. He will also offer a seminar on Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, called "The Courage to Change". During the seminar, attendees will practice different forms of mindfulness meditation; sitting, walking, eating meditation, silence, mindful speaking and listening, among others. No prior experience is necessary. Donations accepted. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a vegetarian dish to share. Contact: Phyllis Culham; mpg@uuannapolis.org.

"Day of Discernment" workshop, hosted by Intern Minister Daniel Gregoire and featuring Liz Fletcher Brown, author of

Full Wattage. This half-day workshop gives participants an opportunity to clarify their life's purpose while connecting with community. Saturday, **May 18**, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Continental breakfast available. Visit tinyurl.com/adayofdiscernment for registration fees and other information.

Contact: Daniel Gregoire; dgregoire@uuannapolis.org.

Saturday, **May 18**, the *Outdoor Club* will kayak at the Chesapeake Environmental Center in Grasonville, MD. Meet at church at 9:00 AM to carpool. Please provide your own boat, paddle, PFD, as well as water, snacks, and a bag lunch (kayak rentals also available at the launch site; 410-827-6694). Contact: Eloise Hoyt; eloisehoyt@verizon.net.

The *Book Club* will meet on Tuesday, **May 21**, at 7:00 PM to discuss *A Team of Rivals* by political historian Doris Kearns Goodwin. Contact: Jean Gruber; grubers@netzero.net.

Join Intern Minister Daniel Gregoire on Monday, **May 27**, at 7:00 PM for a "Partners in Healing" *Interfaith Memorial Day Service*. This service will feature dialogue between military veterans, active service members, and civilians, honoring our interconnectedness and the need for communal healing and reintegration at the close of armed conflict. This is an opportunity to reflect, share, and begin the work of healing the wounds of war.

Contact: Daniel Gregoire; dgregoire@uuannapolis.org.

May 2013

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MUSIC NOTES

Betsy Kraning, Music Director



Cabaret volunteers.

Once again, UUCA Cabaret Night, Dinner, and Artisan Fair was a great success! For me, Cabaret Night is about bringing together all the special and unique talents and personalities at UUCA. The lasagna was delicious. The art was beautiful. The performances were fun and entertaining. Thank you to everyone! Your contribution, in whatever way you chose to be involved, was truly appreciated. Dianne Moreau received food from over 68 individuals for the dinner. Carly Sargent set up ten tables for artisans and their arts and crafts. Michael Willis oversaw a crew of ten individuals to take care of tables, chairs, and other physical equipment for the evening. As producer, Ashley Fuchs handled lights, sound, and any other equipment necessary for the performances. And, most importantly, there were over 60 talented performers who entertained a full house! What better way to spend an evening than with these very people? Oh... and by the way... we raised a thousand dollars or so for the church as well.



Drum Circle performing at Cabaret Night.

*Blessed be,
Betsy Kraning*

Religious Exploration... Thank You!

—Dayna Edwards

The old Igbo proverb “It takes the village to raise a child” is certainly true... and it is being lived out every day at UUCA. As the RE year comes to a close, let’s reflect on the many people who enrich the spiritual lives of our children and youth. Of course the RE facilitators, mentors, and advisors have a special place in our young people’s lives, but there are many others who provide the scaffolding to the RE programs and support our facilitators. There are the families and children of the facilitators, mentors, and advisors that graciously share their moms and dads with the other children of our community. This year there were many behind the scenes helpers whom I’d like to acknowledge. Marc Giglio created and updated an amazing attendance spreadsheet. Debi Jasen and Natasha Hitchcock helped with Camp Beagle administration. Brent Seabrook, Marc Giglio and Stephanie Sprinkle helped us revamp the RE Sanctuary and make it more user-friendly for Spirit Play. Many families contributed to RE by making “Story Boxes” used by the Pre-K – 3rd graders in Spirit Play. We are grateful to those families for sharing their creativity, time and materials. Other families purchased supplies and volunteered to help out for events like Stone Soup, Dancing on the Side of Love, Passover Seder, and Trunk or Treating. Each person’s contribution allowed those events to be a great success. Still others volunteered as assistants in the classroom one Sunday per month. As you read this article, people in our congregation are working on improving the playground and planning for the fall. With each person’s contribution of time, energy, and experience we have successfully completed another year of RE and enhanced the spiritual growth of the next generation.

Thank you.



ONGOING EVENTS

Amnesty International: The Annapolis Chapter of Amnesty International meets on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Emerson Room of the Fahs House. All are invited, especially members of the UUCA congregation who believe that one person can make a difference. Come check us out.

Book Club: meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the church library. Contact Jean Gruber 410-216-9575 .

Bridge Club: meets the fourth Friday each month at 7:30 PM in the Emerson Room of the Fahs House. Contact Leo Karpeles at 443-949-9541 for more information.

Full Circle: meets monthly at 7:00 PM on the Friday night closest to the full moon. An experiential earth-based celebration open to all women over age 18. Contact Susi Conley at 410-897-5907 or sdfc1@verizon.net, or visit our blog at FullCircleUUCA.org.

FoXY: Fellowship of X & Y: If you consider yourself a member of Generation X or Y, please join us. We are a diverse group, including singles, couples and parents. YOU are welcome! Contact Rev. Christina Leone at cleone@uuannapolis.org or 410-266-8044 x 101

Gallery at 333: The Gallery at 333 is open Mon.-Thurs. from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Contact Debbie Boudra; dancindebart@comcast.net.

GLBTQ Group: If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning join us for fun, fellowship, and advocacy. Contact Christy or Marie at balanceseaker@comcast.net.

Green Sanctuary: For more information contact Diane Bedlin at dianebedlin@gmail.com.

Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation: Beginner-friendly session every Sunday at 11:00 AM (8:30 AM during Summer Schedule) in the Emerson Room. For those who want to learn the basics of meditation and those who just want another opportunity to practice with a group. Contact Phyllis Culham at jcbluejay@live.com.

Light House Shelter Meals: If you are interested in helping with meals for the Shelter, contact Carrie Kotcho 410-451-1844 or ckotcho@verizon.net.

Mindfulness Practice Group: meets every Thursday in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for meditation and dharma discussion. Contact Phyllis Culham at jcbluejay@live.com.

Partner Church Ministry: Based upon our common religious principles and ideals, this multigenerational group develops and sustains a relationship between UUCA and the communities of our partner congregations in Transylvania; the Unitarian Church of Homorodalmas (Almas) and the Unitarian Church of Rava. Contact Jacque Pulsifer, 410-626-1163 or ajpulsifer@verizon.net.

Spirit Choir & Band: This group, led by Rev. John Crestwell, primarily provides music for Spirited Worship services on the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are as announced. If interested, contact Rev. John at jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org.

The Tuesday Noon Brown Bag Lunch & Video Discussion Group: Meets weekly mid-September through May in the narthex. Bring your lunch to eat during the half-hour social time, watch the half-hour Religion and Ethics video and join in the half-hour of discussion afterward until 1:30 PM. All are welcome. Contact Anne Hays at 410-268-8219.

UUCA Choir: meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM early September through May. New members are welcome. Contact Bryan Barrett at choir@uuannapolis.org.

UUCA Community Drum Circle: Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Angebrannt room Contact Jim Langston at jimlaauu@gmail.com.

UU Legislative Ministry of MD (UULM-MD): UULM-MD is a statewide advocacy network comprised of individual members and affiliated UU congregations. UULM-MD provides a voice in legislative action for UU values, principles and traditions. UUCA provides leadership, resources and support to UULM-MD. Email info@uulmmd.org or call 410-266-8044, ext. 111.

UUCA Outdoor Club: Weather permitting, this club meets monthly for an outdoor excursion. Contact Eloise Hoyt at 410-768-4932 or eloisehoyt@verizon.net.

UU Humanists: Open exchange of ideas on a naturalistic worldview free of supernatural and mystical elements. Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Contact Cliff Andrew at 410-404-7170 or neurol@verizon.net.

UUCA UN Global Justice Committee: Inspired by UU principles, this group is committed to peace, freedom and environmental responsibility and to social, civil, and economic justice. Contact Betty Crowley at 410-897-9417 for locations and times.



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