



HIGHLIGHTS

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Light House Leading the Way

—Rev. John Crestwell

Sometime in 2009, encouraged by the late great UUCA member Arthur Hansen, then intern Christina Leone and I took a trip to Boston to visit the [Lion Heart Foundation](#). The Lion Heart specializes in creating emotional literacy (EL) programs for prisoners, at-risk youth and teens.

We met the dynamic and dedicated Executive Director Robin Casarjian while there and we learned of her passion for EL work and how the task of creating a more compassionate and thoughtful world was very personal for her. You see, Robin had been victimized in the worst possible way in her life. As I listened, I wondered how she could find the dedication and strength to work with groups that reminded her every day of the pain she had to endure. Robin shared how she got through it all. She forgave and embraced her work believing the violent act was a calling. Her problem became her passion.

I do not have a story like Robin's but I too have been called to the work of building a "kinder-gentler nation". In fact, as UUs we are all called to this work! If we believe in our principles then we cannot sit back and expect the world to just change....One shift we must make is that of thinking the world will get better through violence. It won't. The world we dream about will not come from building weapons or programs of mass destruction to eliminate those we perceive as enemies or public nuisances. We will build the world we dream about when more of us become emotionally competent; when we realize... that the "stuff in me recognizes the stuff in you"—that we are all works in progress and need space, patience and understanding. We are all complex beings! We are all feeling and needing something. Therefore, patience, empathy, and compassion are desperately needed virtues in the world today...

I have dedicated my life to bringing EL competencies to the public by building alliances with people and places that support this vision. My most recent affiliation, in addition to Annapolis High, The Jessup Correctional Facility, and Cheltenham Juvenile Detention Center, is the Annapolis Light House Homeless Prevention Shelter.

I am very excited to begin working with the program managers and staff to teach emotional literacy at the Light House using Marshall Rosenberg's book *Nonviolent Communications, a Language of Life*. They have agreed with me that to create "the change they wish to see" in their institution they must begin with themselves... In the near

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**Next Highlights Deadline:
April 15.**

future, I expect that the intentional development of conflict and anger management skills will have a transforming impact on how the Light House lives out its vision to support the homeless and at-risk communities in our area. Exciting stuff!

This is an excerpt from the minister's blog post that appeared on February 19. To read the full article, visit <http://www.uuannapolis.org/uncategorized/light-house-leading-the-way-jc>



**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!

GAIN Events

—Liz Vanden Heuvel,
GAIN Co-Chair

This year, the Board of the Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network (GAIN) voted to focus on two themes: the environment, and mass incarceration. In the past few months, GAIN has kept a busy schedule of events featuring the latter topic.

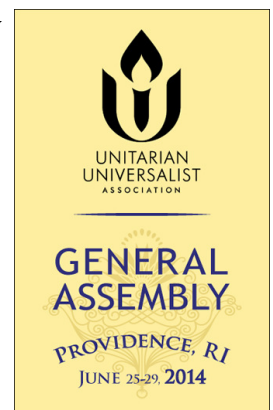
In October, a panel presented what is happening with the Prison Ministry in the Annapolis area. Representatives from UUCA, the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, the Annapolis Friends and Maryland Cure talked about their programs and their work with prison inmates. A former inmate spoke about his experiences in prison and what it is like now that he has been released. Judge Philip Caroom joined us in November to discuss criminal justice issues in Anne Arundel County. In February, a panel of experts informed us about how parole works. Judge Caroom, Ruth Ann Ogle from the Maryland Parole and Probation Commission and Lea Green, President of Maryland Cure talked about how inmates prepare for parole and what the rules are. Lea Green introduced two women, former inmates, who gave a stunning picture of life in prison and the incredible difficulty of securing employment and respect after being released.

All three programs were very well attended. In addition, GAIN voted to join with the Friends Peace and Justice Group and to promote a bill presently before the Legislature to set up a task force to look at the incarceration system in Maryland.

For the month of March, GAIN sponsored a presentation by St. John Martin on the issue of Climate Apocalypse. The audience was given an extensive scientific explanation of what is happening and why. About 30 people attended from a variety of faith groups and as individuals. A lively discussion took place with additional knowledge presented by members of the audience.

2014 General Assembly

The Unitarian Universalist General Assembly will be held in Providence, RI, **June 25-29**. The theme for General Assembly 2014 is ***Love Reaches Out***. For further information, follow this link <http://www.uua.org/ga/> or speak with Rev. Fred Muir. Anyone can attend. UUCA can send nine delegates and two alternate delegates (only delegates can vote on GA business and resolutions). If you are a UUCA member and would like to be an alternate or delegate, speak with Rev. Fred.



FROM THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES...



Questions or comments for the Board?
Contact the Board of Trustees at board@uuannapolis.org.

From the March 13 Board of Trustees Meeting:



The Ministerial Review Committee: (Larry Werner, Cheryl Wise and Paul Jorgensen) had distributed the draft survey questionnaire to Board members for comment prior to the meeting. They reported that this review is meant to be conducted every 3 years but it has been 6 years since the last survey. The plan is to launch the survey on Sunday, March 30 and make it available to be completed by members of the congregation over the following three Sundays. It will be available online on Survey Monkey as well as hard copy. It will be publicized in *In The Know* and the Sunday Order of Service. The Minister for those Sundays will also announce it. A pitch will also be given at the Congregational meeting on April 6.

Finance Officer's Report: Annie will not be able to attend the Congregational Meeting in April so Rev. Fred will present the financial report. At this point things are on track but for very high utilities expense this quarter. Annie took an action to draft a Bylaw change in connection with the proposed operating reserve.

Senior Minister's Report:

General Assembly: Information on GA has been received (see p. 2). The Board has to approve delegates, of which there will be 10 or so.

North Lawrence Property: The committee recommends keeping the property for now although the house itself is something of a liability. Tim Mowry is obtaining a quote to demolish it. The neighbors are squatting on the property and we need to fence it in.

Ends Statements: The Board will review existing Ends Statements at the July and August meetings following examination of the results from the Ministerial Review Survey.

The Next Congregational Meeting is scheduled for April 6, at 10:30 AM.

The agenda will include an Introduction by Rev. Fred; Slate of officers followed by vote; discussion of the Ministerial Review Survey; minor Changes to Constitution (Senior Staff Succession Policy) requiring a vote; a report from the Building Committee – report (repairs to Purple Cow, new sidewalk, data from geo, Lawrence demo, etc.) All members are encouraged to attend and vote.

***To view Board Documents online:**

Board items are stored on a special password-protected page of our website. To gain access, you must [contact the Church Office](#) and request the password. *Please note:* this is *NOT* your ACS Access password.



SUNDAY WORSHIP AT UUCA

Sunday, April 6:

YRUU Service
"What is Truth to You?"

Service at 9:00 AM ONLY

Please come join us for a congregational discussion on "Truth" led by the YRUU youth.

Music by Betsy Kraning.

Congregational Meeting
follows at 10:30 AM.

Sunday, April 13:

"What Is True for You?"
Rev. John Crestwell

I have one tattoo. It is the Chinese symbol for truth--I hope. I got this tattoo at age 35, when I thought I had things all figured out. The truth is, the more I learned about what was true the more I learned that some things are true while most things are relative. Let's discuss finding what is true for you.

Music provided by the UUCA Choir.

Sunday, April 20:

"The Responsibility of
New Life"

Easter Sunday

Rev. Christina Leone Tracy

With this week comes Easter and Passover, two important festivals honoring life-giving faith. What is life-giving about *our* faith, and what responsibilities come with the gift of new life?

Music provided by the Sounds of Spirit Choir & Band.

Sunday, April 27:

Choir Sunday
featuring

The Peaceable Kingdom
by Randal Thompson

April's Theme:
Truth

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

April AWAKE Services

April 1: Love Thine Enemies?

Let's look at the biblical statement "Love thine enemies" from a modern perspective. Get equipped with the spiritual tools you'll need to speak your truth AND "love thine enemies".

April 8: I Am...

What truth can be found in the sacred words, "I Am"? Let's explore the power and truth of those words and what happens when we embrace that power.

April 15: Lean In to Truth, Love, and Hope

Can you lean in to the truth of love and home in a world saturated with negative images? We will grapple with the challenges speaking from our inner fire of love and hope.

April 22: Truth?

Is there such a thing as an ultimate "truth" in the post-modern world? Let's look at a variety of definitions and spiritual meanings to the word truth.

April 29: Where Are You From?

"Where are you from?" is a question that can trigger many responses. How do you speak your truth in response to this question that is loaded for so many of us? Let's explore the spiritual response to this question.





Rev. Christina Leone Tracy
Faith Development Minister

A Message from the Children's Ministry Coordinator

—*Elise Berrocal*

Spring has sprung at UUCA! And with this season of transformation and new life comes the impending birth of my second child. As many of you may know, my husband Juan and I are expecting a baby boy the second week of April, at which time I will be taking a temporary maternity leave from my role with R.E. and the church.

It is my pleasure to announce that during this time period I will be leaving Children's R.E. in the very capable hands of long-standing UUCA member and ministerial candidate Debbie Cole. Working closely with Rev. Christina, Debbie will be filling in through the end of the R.E. spring term, summer classes and Camp Beagle until my return in mid-July 2014. She will be working mostly on recruitment and preparation for the 2014-15 church year, so please cooperate with her as much as possible. If you're interested in serving as a volunteer for R.E. next year, please talk to Debbie!

Please get to know Debbie better in her own words below, and thank you for welcoming her to R.E.! I look forward to seeing you again this summer (as a family of four)!

A Message from the Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator

—*Debbie Cole*

My name is Debbie Cole and I am looking forward to temporarily stepping into the role of Children's Ministry Coordinator as Elise prepares to welcome a new family member! Though I haven't been around as much in the last few years while I was finishing seminary, I have been a member since 2001. In that time I have served as facilitator and co-chair of many groups and committees as well as being a trained K-1 and Young Adult/Adult OWL teacher. Much of my time at UUCA has been in pursuit of environmental justice, racial justice and facilitating meditative/spiritual practices. Most recently I have enjoyed being part of the Worship Lay Ministers group.

On the personal side, I am a licensed pilot and certified diver who seeks adventure from within. As an accredited T'ai Chi Chih instructor, I find peace in my practice as well as from other forms of meditation. In addition, I homeschooled my two boys, now ages 17 and 20. I have a Masters of Divinity from Meadville Lombard Theological School, and I look forward to continuing my ministerial formation in my pursuit of preliminary fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association.

The Children's Ministry Coordinator position brings me full circle. I started as an involved RE parent and then worked with Coming of

**Faith Development Dates
to Remember**

April 6 - YRUU Service (9:00 AM)

April 11-13 - All Church Retreat;
No RE for youth on April 13

April 19 - Seder

Upcoming Adult Classes

April 2, 9, 16 & 23 -

Reading Creation with Rev. Christina; 7:00 PM.

April 24 & May 22 -

Third Principle Practice Group with Seth Fisher; 7:00 PM.

April 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 24 -

Building Your Own Theology with Seth Fisher; 12:30 PM.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend:

Rev. Christina Leone Tracy;
cleone@uuannapolis.org

Seth Fisher;
sfisher@uuannapolis.org

[Click here](#) for more detailed class descriptions.

Age and YRUU during my ministerial internship. Now I have the chance to experience the wonder and excitement of the youngest children from a ministerial perspective as I give back to the congregation that inspired me to pursue ministry. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months.

This interim position gives me the opportunity to not only participate in and appreciate the organizational aspects of RE but also the honor to be Admiral of Camp Beagle –all of which will help prepare me to be a well-rounded (and, hopefully, super cool) minister!

“RE For All” Congregational Conversations

—Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy

You may have heard, or read in the March *Highlights* article, that changes are being proposed to the Sunday schedule regarding RE for all ages. The change involves having Religious Exploration for all ages at 10:00 AM, in between worship services. We want to move forward with as much transparency and communication as possible. Rev. Christina is holding FIVE Congregational Conversations to discuss this change.

Please make an effort to come to one of these sessions, or reach out to her for a one-on-one conversation: cleone@uuannapolis.org or 410-266-8044 x101.

Congregational Conversations:

Sunday, **March 30** - 10:15-10:45 AM - Sanctuary

Tuesday, **April 8** - 11:15 AM -12:00 PM - Sanctuary

Tuesday, **April 8** - 8:00 - 8:45 PM - Library

Wednesday, **April 16** - 6:15 -7:00 PM - Angebrannt Room

Sunday, **May 4** - 12:15 -1:00 PM - Sanctuary

Tuesday Lunch Group Serves Dinner

—Jacque Pulsifer

The Tuesday Lunch and Video Discussion group met at the Light House Shelter on Saturday evening, March 8, to prepare and serve dinner to about 30 shelter residents. Ten chefs donned their aprons and sharpened their knives to prepare carrots, green beans, potatoes, fish, and a luscious banana dessert. We took turns serving the residents and sitting down to eat with them. Their stories are heartbreaking and we were all feeling blessed that we had a home and could provide and share a meal with those at the shelter. The residents came back for seconds and thirds, enjoying the fish and veggies that were fresh. (A related aside, Carrie Kotcho reports that, as of March 14, UUCA members have supplied 650 lbs. of food for the shelter pantry!)

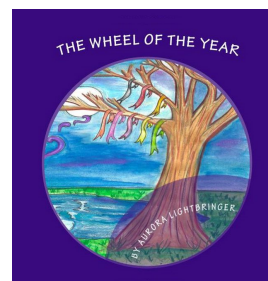
Members of UUCA prepare dinner at the shelter on the second Saturday of each month and **there is a critical need for people to prepare meals in 2014**. If you, or your group, want to enjoy the camaraderie of a special evening at the Light House Shelter, contact Carrie Kotcho (ckotcho@verizon.net).



Anne Hays helps prepare dinner.

Full Circle Children's Author

—K. Sprietzer



Full Circle is proud to announce that one of our church members, who was also a co-

leader of UUCA's COA, has written a children's book titled *The Wheel of the Year*. This whimsical picture book teaches about the themes of each holiday through poetry and illustrations designed to nurture young Pagans' imaginations.

The Wheel of the Year exemplifies four of the UU Principles:

#1: Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
#3: Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
#6: Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature; and
#7: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

Whether you are magical or muggle, this book promotes open dialogue between youngsters and adults on how families celebrate holidays through out the year.

This book is available for purchase on Amazon.

UUCA Endowment Fund: Request For Proposals

—Al Pulsifer

The UUCA Endowment Fund Board requests proposals for projects that are consistent with Unitarian Universalist principles and that further the mission of UUCA. In general, the activities funded will be for “stand alone” projects that do not need continued funding.

The UUCA Endowment Board will evaluate applications. Program areas of interest to the Board include:

- Health Care
- International Issues of Social Justice and Gender Equality
- At-risk Youth
- Housing and Homelessness

Organizations or individuals may apply for grants in two size categories:

- Small grants (\$1000-\$3000)
- Large grants (greater than \$3000)

Large grants will be evaluated more extensively, and applicants must provide thorough documentation (described in the instructions for preparing a grant application).

Grant applications must be received no later than April 14, 2014. To obtain information or application instructions, please contact Al Pulsifer, 410-626-1163; ajpulsifer@verizon.net.



Connections Opportunities: Upcoming Adult Classes

Reading Creation—April 2, 9, 16 & 23, 7:00 PM

Join Rev. Christina as she explores the themes from the two Creation stories of Genesis. What’s a UU to do with these stories? Come learn more, explore, and find out. RSVP by Saturday, March 29 to cleone@uuannapolis.org. Minimum 5 confirmed participants required.

Third Principle Practice Group—April 24 & May 22, 7:00 PM

Join our Intern Minister Seth Fisher, as he helps you explore a range of spiritual practices and encourages you to find one that works for you, while you work as a group to “encourage one another to spiritual growth in our congregation” and at home! RSVP by April 22 to sfisher@uuannapolis.org.

Building Your Own Theology—April 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 24, 12:30 PM

Join our Intern Minister Seth for a five-part series using the well-loved UU curriculum “BYOT: Building Your Own Theology” to help you explore your own beliefs and values more deeply. RSVP by April 24 to sfisher@uuannapolis.org.

For more about Connections opportunities, visit the “Connections Lamppost” in the narthex, and pick up an information sheet for April. If you want to start a program at UUCA, contact a Connections Team member:

Ray Watkins; kathmando72@gmail.com

Tricia Hopkins; triciahopkins@islands.org

John Fischer; annjohnfisher@verizon.net

Guinn Sherlock; gpsherlock@aol.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Full Circle presents the Third Annual **Red Tent Event** on **April 4-5**. Join us for a two-day seminar of sisterhood and ceremony exploring "Women's Mysteries: Female Power, Motherhood, Beauty and the Feminine Divine". Special guest speakers Nait Moore & Lisa Adams will focus on discussions and spiritual practices celebrating the Feminine Divine within us and outside us. Friday Evening Ritual, 7:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM. Stay the whole day, or come for a few talks. Open to women over 18 only.

More information:

FullCircleUUCA.org/redtent
Registration link is at the bottom of the web page.

The **UU Humanists** continue their weekly screenings of both *Cosmos -A Personal Journey* (Carl Sagan 1980) as well as *Cosmos -A Spacetime Odyssey* (Neil deGrasse Tyson 2014) at 6:30 PM, **April 7, 14, 21, & 28**. Continuing Mondays through June 2. Our sessions are open and we welcome newcomers. Free to all. We will pass the plate for UUCA. Contact: Cliff Andrew neurol@verizon.net.

The **2014 P.R. Bazaar** is an opportunity to "meet the Annapolis-area press", and will be held the evenings of Monday, **April 7 & 14**. Doors open at 6:15 PM for registration and networking; the panel discussion begins at 7:00 PM. Editorial representatives from *Annapolis Lifestyle Magazine*, *Bay Weekly*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Baltimore/Annapolis Times*, *The*

Capital Newspaper and *Capital Style Magazine*, *Chesapeake Current*, *Chesapeake Family Magazine*, *Eye On Annapolis*, *Maryland Public Television* (MPT), *The Patch*, *South River Source*, 1430 WNAV Radio & WRNR 103.1 FM Radio have agreed to participate. Panelists will be different each evening. This event is open to the public. Admission is a \$15 for one evening, or \$25.00 for both evenings. Please specify the evening(s) you will be attending. RSVP [online](#) to ensure a seat or contact Wendi Winters at 410-349-0945; wendi@wintersgeimer.com. Pay by cash or check at the door. Sorry, no credit cards accepted. Proceeds from this all-volunteer event are donated to UUCA.

Getting to Know UUCA;

Sunday, **April 13**, following both services. Meet at the water sculpture in the sanctuary where a member of the Newcomer Support Team will answer questions about UUCA.

Tuesday, **April 15** at 7:00 PM, the **Book Club** will meet to discuss *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Contact: Jean Gruber; grubers@netzero.com.

UUCA's annual **Seder** will be held **April 19** at 5:00 PM. This annual Passover celebration combines storytelling with the traditional seder meal. Families welcome. To help out, contact Beth Stribley; hamiltonstribley@me.com.

"Fourth Fridays" Concert Series with Brian Ganz

continues Friday, **April 25** at 8:00 PM. This performance features Brian Ganz only. Tickets are \$15 at the door, or you may purchase a series package of 5 concerts for \$60.

The **Outdoor Club** will meet Saturday, **April 26** for a walk in Benjamin Banneker Historical Park, Catonsville, MD. Meet at the Park & Ride at I-97 & Benfield Blvd (by Severna Park Racquetball and Fitness Club) at 9:00 AM to carpool. Contact: Eloise Hoyt; eloisehoyt@verizon.net.

The **Spring Book Swap** will be held Sunday, **April 27**, before and after services. Rain or shine. Bring your used CDs, books, and DVDs, then trade for new selections. Volunteers are also welcome to help set up and break down. Contact: Eloise Hoyt; eloisehoyt@verizon.net.

Save the Date:

Dignity Players presents **The 39 Steps** by John Buchan. *The 39 Steps* tells the story of a man with a boring life who meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is hot on the man's trail. A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, *The 39 Steps* amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure! Performance dates: **May 2-3, 8-10, 15-17** at 8:00 PM, and **May 4** at 3:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now at www.dignityplayers.org or by calling 410-266-8044, ext. 127.

www.uuannapolis.org; 410/266-8044

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00 PM Lunch & Video Discussion Group 6:30 PM AWAKE Worship	2 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	4 7:00 PM Red Tent Event	5 9:30 AM Red Tent Event 6:00 PM Nifty Fifties+ Potluck
6 9:00 AM Worship/RE 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM Intro to Mindfulness	7 6:30 PM UU Humanists	8 12:00 PM Lunch & Video Discussion Group 6:30 PM AWAKE Worship	9 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	11 9:00 AM MPG Event with Claude Anshin Thomas	12 9:00 AM MPG Event with Claude Anshin Thomas
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MUSIC NOTES

Betsy Kraning, Music Director

As a junior in high school my grandmother said to me, "So what's this I hear about your college major?". "Grandmom, I'll be majoring in psychology and sociology." She replied, "Well that's really a shame because I've been coming to your recitals all these years and I always imagined I'd be taking piano lessons from you one day. Aren't you going into music?".

How could I disappoint my grandmother? The next year I headed off to college with my piano music and my bassoon. I became a music major. Looking back, I guess I thought it made sense. I had just graduated from Baltimore Peabody Prep, had played bassoon and drums in a number of bands and orchestras, and had been the accompanist for a number of choirs and singers. But still... I had it in the back of my mind that I wanted to help people.

Fast-forward 45 years. I am so appreciative of the many opportunities I've had to grow as a musician. I also realize that although I love making beautiful music, part of the joy of making music for me has been creating relationships. Helping people find their voices or develop confidence as they learn to play the piano is very thrilling to me. Bringing together an entire elementary school to sing together and present programs was always a joy. I found that as children made music they learned to work together and that was exciting to watch.

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SECOND SUNDAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

The March Second Sunday Outreach Collection totaled \$1,571.00, which will benefit the Partner Church Ministry.

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 410-544-2244 or dsgoforth@aol.com.



INREACH COLLECTION

The In-reach Collection from Sunday, March 23 totaled \$850.40, which will benefit Sunday Service supplies.

This includes flowers, order of service covers, candles, and other items used for Sunday worship.

If you have questions about Inreach Collections, please contact the [Church Office](#).

The next Inreach Collection will be Sunday, April 20. The funds will benefit RE training and conferences.

Music making can be relationship building. As I've opened my eyes and ears to all different styles of music the relationships for me have grown. I didn't know anything about gospel music when I started teaching at Annapolis High. I treasure the relationships I've developed as I opened myself up to learning. I value the relationships I have now as I continue to learn about gospel....and all different styles of music. Music truly brings people together.

My goal at UUCA is to continue developing relationships through music, in our church, and around the Annapolis community. I will continue to find closet musicians and nurture them. I will continue to make the joy of performing music accessible to everyone. I will continue to encourage people to try new music. Why? Because I like people. Because I know how much this attitude towards music and relationships has enriched my life...and I want to share.

So, Grandmom,...my life has been dedicated to music and I remember your influence on me. I think I see traces of psychology and sociology in my work as well. What a great combination!

Remember: **Cabaret Night** is coming June 14. Want to perform? Why not? I'll work with 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 third Friday each month at 7:30 PM in the Emerson Room of the Fahs House. Contact 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 Jodi Delaney; jodimonkey@verizon.net.

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 Marie; balanceseeker@comcast.net.

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 jcbbluejay@live.com.

Light House Shelter Meals: If you are interested in helping with meals for the Shelter, contact Carrie Kotcho; 410-451-1844; 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 jcbbluejay@live.com.

Nifty Fifty +: A social group for seniors, that meets periodically for dinners, game nights, and other outings. Contact Claire Morgen at cfriday@aol.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. 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 Phil Tawes; pwtawes@aol.com.

Twenty-Somethings +/-: A social group for adults in the “twenty-something” age bracket. Contact Winters Geimer if you are interested; wgeimer@hotmail.com.

UUCA Choir: meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM early September through May. New members are welcome. Contact Stephen Mulligan at smulligan@uuannapolis.org.

UUCA Community Drum Circle:

Looking to connect with others in a spiritual yet visceral way? Try the Drum Circle.! No musical experience necessary. Meets on the second Monday in the sanctuary and the fourth Tuesday in the Angebrannt room. Both sessions begin at 7:30 PM. 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 6:45 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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