



HIGHLIGHTS

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Are You Ready for the New Church Year?

There are lots of new happenings at UUCA this fall, so here are a few things you need to know about the new church year:

Ingathering Service and Potluck - Sunday, September 7, 10:00 AM

Remember to bring your small vial of water, as Water Communion is a part of the Ingathering Service. We will also welcome our new Intern Minister, and bless the RE teachers for the coming year. After the service, please stay for the Potluck Picnic! We ask that everyone bring a dish according to their last name:

A-G: dessert; **H-M:** green/fruit salad; **N-Z:** main dish

We return to **2 services** on Sunday, **September 14**. Please note that the first service begins promptly at **9:00 AM**, and the second service begins promptly at **11:15 AM**. Nursery care is offered during both services; children and youth should all join their families in the sanctuary. Children ages 4-10 will then be sung out to participate in child care, if they wish.



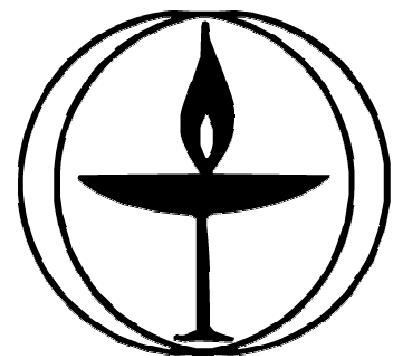
September 14 is also the start of **Middle Hour**, at **10:10 AM**. At that time we will be offering RE for all ages! Children and youth will attend their classes as usual (and parents will be receiving a separate letter with more details!), and we will offer classes for adults too! Adults can choose to mingle for Coffee Hour, or there will be other offerings such as: a "Going Deeper" discussion of the sermon/worship topic in the RE sanctuary; "Music as a Spiritual Practice" in the main sanctuary; "Chair Yoga" with Dick Roop; and many other topics which will vary throughout the year. **To find out what's happening each Sunday**, there will be a magnetic board inside the front entrance and another inside the RE entrance - check those for rooms and topics.

If you have questions about any of the above, contact the Church Office; mreese@uuannapolis.org or 410-266-8044.

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**Next Highlights Deadline:
September 15.**





**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!

**Calling All Artists - Young & Old!!
Order of Service Monthly Cover Art Contest**

For the 2014-15 Church Year, each month we will be holding an art contest for the order of service covers. You must use an official contest form (see p. 9) and each cover must involve the worship theme for the month. The first contest is for the month of October, and the theme is generosity. Contest forms are due on **September 24**. Please return them to the church office or to Rev. Christina's mailbox. The contest winner's art will be featured on the cover of the order of service bulletins for the month of October. Future contest forms can be found at uuannapolis.org, or in RE classrooms. Good Luck!!



UUCA Softball Team

—Wendi Winters

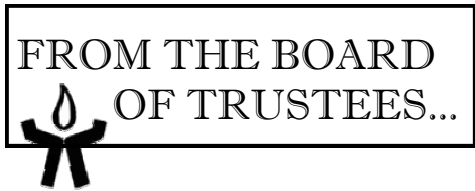
In June, about twenty UUCA members and friends signed up for a two-month summer season of evening fun and camaraderie. We also played softball. Part of the Greater Annapolis Ministerium Softball League, the UUCA softball team had adult players of all ages and skill levels. Everyone had a really great time! We spread the UU message by enjoying the games, being positive and inclusive, and having fun with the other teams. For nearly every game, we'd arrive with a huge UU contingent – and the other team was usually short a few players. We could have won by default, but we'd loan them a couple players – and lose the game. Despite the final score, we had a nice social dinner (and drinks) after each game so we had time to get to know each other, too.



Wendi at bat.

We'll be playing again next summer. If you're interested in joining the team, contact Tom Fellowes (tjfellowes@gmail.com). You'll be added to the UUCA Softball Team email list.

One more thing: we're looking for a really catchy name for the team. The UU Ewes was one suggestion. Got a better idea for a name? Send it to Tom.




Questions or comments for the Board?
Contact Larry Werner, Board Secretary
at board@uuannapolis.org.

General Assembly from a Board Member’s Perspective...

—Michael Willis

This year I attended General Assembly in Providence, R.I., as a delegate of our church and as a UUCA board member. It was my first General Assembly (GA) and it lived up to all my expectations; an exhilarating experience sharing spiritual enrichment as well as educational workshops with UU’s from around the country. I attended sessions at which delegates voted on governance issues of the UUA, a variety of services where UU’s offered an experience of different contemporary services, the WARE lecture given this year by Sister Simone Campbell, and workshops focused primarily on various issues/ concerns related to governance within the UUA itself and churches within the association. Our church was also well represented by it’s ministers and I was present at the AWAKE service and workshop, and a grand “bridging service” at which Rev. Christina had a primary role. Too much to share in these brief comments. However, since my focus was on governance, I did come away with a number of observations and thoughts relevant to UUCA. The governance of our church is a “policy governance” model, as is the UUA, so I felt I was able to learn from the worships offered by the UUA Board. One issue the UUA Board is grappling with is accessibility to GA. It is pretty expensive to attend, and the UUA Board recognizes how this fact alone restricts who is able to come. A number of things are being considered as attempts to address this problem. I’m hoping that our church can also make some changes that will broaden the pool of congregants who might be able to represent us as delegates at future General Assemblies, as well as be more broadly representative of our congregation.

 ***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.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome the following individuals who signed the Membership Book this summer:

- Jessica Rhines
- Corey Deahl
- Genevieve Volotta
- Lydia Shvydky
- Tony Pace
- Nina Pace
- Jeanette Spohn



Welcome to UUCA Class - Fall Session

If you are interested in membership at UUCA, this is the class for you! You need to complete all portions of the class, unless you were previously a member of another UU church.

When: Sunday, **September 21 & 28**, 12:30 - 3:30 PM

Where: Sanctuary

RSVP: membership@uuannapolis.org; by September 14

Light lunch provided. Child care is also available if requested by September 10; cost is \$20/child or \$40/family (max).

A **New Member Ceremony** will be held **October 5**, 10:10 AM, for those wishing to sign the membership book. There will also be a formal Recognition of new members that day at either the 9:00 or 11:15 AM services.





September's Theme: Unity

Sunday, September 7:

"Gathering at the Well"

Rev. Christina Leone Tracy

Join us for our ingathering service, the final summer service as we prepare for the church year and a return to 2 services next week. Remember to bring a small vial of water from summer travels, your neighborhood pond or park, or your own faucet. We'll mingle our waters together as we recommit ourselves to this deep well of hope, community, and love... We'll also bless our R.E. teachers for the year, and welcome our new Intern Minister!

Following the service, we will have our annual potluck picnic. Bring a dish to share (see guidelines for what to bring); all are welcome.

Music by Sara Jones.

Sunday, September 14:

"In the Beginning"

Rev. Fred Muir

As we gather to start the regular church year, it's a beginning of sorts. Beginnings are important, so this Sunday I will reflect with you about our beginnings - as humans, as Unitarian Universalists and as a community of faith called UUCA.

Music by the UUCA Choir.

**Return to 2 services-
9:00 & 11:15 AM**

Sunday, September 21:

"Lessons Learned Up Until Now"

Rev. John Crestwell

September 21 is the day of my birth. I think a reflective sermon is appropriate on my special day. So, I plan to share a few of the life lessons I've learned since joining this congregation five years ago. You will find some of the lessons to be funny while others may raise concerns. In either case, I think there is a take away that you can apply in your personal life today.

Music by Betsy Kraning.

Sunday, September 28:

"Blessed Be the Ties That Bind"

Rev. Fred Muir

On this Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we'll reflect on one of the many themes of the High Holy Days: Suffering. Using the ancient Book of Job as a lens, let's try to get a grip on this overwhelming and powerful reality that ties all humans together regardless of who or where they are.

Music by the UUCA Choir.

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

September AWAKE Services

September 2: Umoja Means Unity - We will find inspiration in the Swahili word *umoja*. Let's experience how unity can take many forms and transform lives.

September 9: Allies as Unifiers - How can you support a group of people if you don't belong to that community? We will explore the spiritual side of being an ally.

September 16: Do Something Awesome - Do something awesome to create unity between cultures and faiths. Join us to experience the awesomeness of unity and community.

September 23: Compliments and Unity - Unity can be expressed in many ways. Compliments can be a powerful way to unify a group of people, yet we're often hesitant to accept a compliment. Come this Tuesday to lift your spirit and your self esteem.

September 30: The Power of Unity - The power of a group unified in a common cause can change the world. Let's explore how faith communities have unified to change the world.





Rev. Christina Leone Tracy
Faith Development Minister

Summer RE - An Experiment, and a Success!

This summer was the first year we have offered R.E. for all children and youth, rather than a limited program for only young kids. The pre-school through rising-second graders have been doing a UUA curriculum entitled "Creating Home." The rising third-fifth graders worked on the UU curriculum called "Windows and Mirrors." The rising 6th-8th graders have been exploring UU values through the lens of *the Hunger Games*. And, rising 9th-12th graders have been meeting as a youth group and engaging in discussion and activity. It has been wonderful to see an active R.E. program all summer.

In the past, R.E. summer Sunday attendance has only been about 5-15 children. This summer we have averaged 26 children and youth per Sunday! Wow!

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave a few Sundays to make this summer program possible:

Creating Home - Lynn Denis, Tiffany Hipszer, Laura DeLeone, Beth Stribley, Diane Benner, Gina Williams, Erin Harmon, Larissa Hannon, and Linda Engel

Windows and Mirrors - Merriam Norris, Natasha and Jason Hitchcock, Ashley Fuchs, Jim Roman, Lara Lutz and John Scott, Charlotte Wallace, Matt Davis, Darrel Nash, Rob Whitaker, and Michelle Malta.

UU Values and the Hunger Games - Melanie Rosen, Kristina Korona, CeeCee Molineaux, Jan Bird and Betty Crowley from UULM-MD, Tricia Hopkins, Steve Haiman, Jim Horstmann, Scott Eden, Jason Kuznicki, Rob Whitaker, Kristine Steinkoenig and the Addiction/Recovery Ministry, Pat Fleeharty, Ted Hall, and Erin Gormley.

YRUU - Paul Berry, Barbara Cyr-Roman, Malcolm Woolf, John Balano, Rob Wallace, Sharon Thomas, Sharon Runge, Tracy Gill, Mike Coleman, Debbie Cole, and Howard Bedlin.

YRUU SPCA Collection

—Paul Berry

Thanks to everyone who participated in the YRUU's collection for the Anne Arundel County SPCA. The collection concluded on Animal Blessing Sunday, August 24. A total of over 200 pounds of food, plus assorted treats and toys, were donated.

A portion of the donations gathered around the chalice.



RE Registration Open!

All children and youth (from Beginner RE to YRUU) need to be registered for the 2014-15 Religious Exploration classes. Visit tinyurl.com/UUCA-RE to register online, or you can pick up hard copies in the narthex. Special forms for OWL, COA, and YRUU are available online at uuannapolis.org.

Register soon – classes begin Sunday, **September 14** at 10:10 AM!

Contact Elise Berrocal;
eberrocal@uuannapolis.org.



RE Helpers Needed!

Urgently seeking:

Two teachers for Spirit Play II (ages 6-8 years old)

Parent assistants for Nursery (6 mos-3 yrs)

Child Care (4-10 yrs)

Beginner RE (18 mos-3 yrs)

Classes start **September 14!**

Commitment needs to be only once per month.

Please contact Elise Berrocal, eberrocal@uuannapolis.org, as soon as possible to sign up.

Orientation/training provided.

Camp Beagle Turns 5!

—Rev. Christina Leone Tracy

This summer marked the 5th anniversary of Camp Beagle, our UUCA Darwin-themed summer camp for kids. This year we hosted 86 kids, ages 4-13, for a week of exploration, wonder, evolution, and fun!

The camp was led this year by our interim-Children's Ministry Coordinator, Debbie Cole, and she was an admirable Admiral, doing a lot of advance work to get the camp prepared, and being on-hand all week to keep things running smoothly and stay late to prep for the next day!

Special thanks to the many, many volunteers who stepped in to make the week a success; there were countless volunteers who led amazing activities, sang songs, purchased or prepped snacks, set camp up, cleaned at the end of the week, etc.

An extra-special thank you goes out to those who gave a **WHOLE WEEK** (all day for five days!) of their time and energy to our kids:

Quartermaster: Ashley Fuchs

Awesomemaster: Kathryn Para

Navigator: Dayna Edwards

Deckhands: Bob Gruber, LE Gomez, Sarah Davis, Paul Jorgensen, Marissa Davis, and Karen Muir

Captains: Ted Hall, Adam Stribley, Beth Stribley, Robin Barbrick, Marty Egna, Curt Sudduth, Debi Jasen, Seth Fisher, Alethea Shiplett, Jean Gruber, Christina Leone Tracy, Geoff Roehm, and Mary & Leigh Halkerston.

Harbormasters: Cliff Andrew and Tiffany Hipszer

Photographer and Videographer: Ray Watkins

Teen First Mate volunteers: Carrie Schenker, Alayna McCarty, Rosey Pasco, Lacey Pasco, Genevieve McPherson-Shambarger, Kayla Simon, and Peter Favret.



The Yellow Ship at Port Caveman.

Camp Beagle's "Two-Hands Hero"

Each year, Camp Beagle honors a "Two Hands Hero" someone who serves as a role model for the values we celebrate at Camp Beagle: care for the natural environment, scientific inquiry, respect, diversity, etc.

This year the camp honored two "Two Hands Heroes". These two people have been excellent models of perseverance and diversity -- Geoff Roehm is a UUCA member and long-time Camp Beagle volunteer and he has persevered in his life in spite of an early childhood brain injury. Ethan Sprinkle is a child who has been a part of the UUCA community since he was very young. Last year he was diagnosed with brain cancer and has been bravely undergoing treatment and doing well throughout. Geoff, and Ethan and his family help us remember the diversity in health and physical abilities in our community, and how beautiful it is when each person brings their unique gifts and strengths to support each other.



Geoff Roehm

\$151,373 Garden Grant for Watershed Stewardship

—Rev. Christina Leone Tracy

For the last three years, several people have worked hard to obtain grants to help offset the costs of improving UUCA's watershed stewardship and rainwater management. Rainwater has led to the erosion of our walkways (most notably the walkway to the Memorial Garden) and the erosion of root structures that has led to trees falling near or on our building. Rev. Christina Leone Tracy has worked with volunteers including Sarah Scott, Stephanie Sprinkle, Pat Fleeharty, Larissa and Rob Hannon, and Megan and Dave Sabat on the project that would remedy our water issues and ultimately lead to our being able to build a new playscape in the children's yard--one that wouldn't rot away due to ponding water. Almost three years ago, UUCA contracted with EcoGardens, LLC, led by Mel Wilkins, to develop a comprehensive plan and write applications for grants. You might remember the EcoGoats who spent a couple days on our property, eating away our shrubs and ivy so that a Landscape Architect, Chris Moore, could see the curvature of the landscape and draw accurate plans. Several grants were submitted, but only one resulted in any funding: a \$1000 grant from Unity Gardens which paid for several new plantings on the property.

It seemed that the project was at a standstill, and there was no money in sight for the over \$150K needed to massively overhaul the stormwater management of the UUCA property. Pat Fleeharty volunteered to continue submitting grant applications, and he found one through the Watershed Stewards Academy offering grants for between \$20-60K. He applied, and recently we were informed that we have been accepted and fully funded for the total amount of our needs: \$151,373 to implement our entire plan as created by Mel and Chris. WOW! Thank you to Pat for persevering in this effort. This program is a new endeavor between the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Watershed Stewards



Academy, the Interfaith Alliance for the Chesapeake, called "Riverwise Congregations," and it targets houses of worship to target watershed stewardship at a grassroots level. Because we are one of the first congregations on board with this program, they chose to award us a grant to meet the entirety of our need, rather than their originally-stated cap of \$60K.



In return for the funds and support from their team of experts, who will contract with construction and landscape experts (we won't be digging with pickaxes this time!), UUCA has provided two new candidates for the Watershed Stewardship Academy to enroll in the "Master Watershed Steward" program and undertake a "capstone project" including providing

educational and volunteer project coordination here at UUCA. The two candidates who have accepted the challenge are: Win Decker and Jamie Gilmore. Without Win and Jamie, this grant would be hypothetical rather than real! We look forward to working with Jamie and Win, and the experts from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, to improve the watershed stewardship at UUCA.

***Special Thanks to Pat Fleeharty,
Win Decker, and Jamie Gilmore!***



Endowment Grants - - Summer 2014

—Al Pulsifer

In July, the Endowment Board approved three additional projects for funding. The amount committed totaled \$6,000. This brings to nine the number of projects supported in 2014 with the total funding being \$29,992.

The projects approved were:

SPAN, Inc. Recovery House Assistance Project - \$1500. Funding provided to assist individuals entering into a recovery house program with the first week's rent or to assist with eviction prevention. SPAN works closely with the recovery houses to provide individuals with the opportunity to be in a supportive environment so as to overcome their addiction problem, and to keep them from being homeless.

Grocery Reimbursement Fund for UUCA Light House Volunteers - \$1000. Volunteers from UUCA cook dinner at the Light House shelter on the second Saturday of every month. Money will be used to reimburse church members for groceries when groups or individuals cannot afford to pay for them but are willing to do the work to plan, prepare, and serve the meal. (Carrie Kotcho)

Newtowne Community Development Corporation, Support for Homework Haven - \$3500.

Funds to operate Homework Haven, an after school program which serves approximately 25 elementary school students from Woodside Gardens. Homework Haven meets 5 days per week from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, and provides a safe place where students can complete their homework, read, and play games under adult supervision. (Darrel Nash)



If you would like information regarding UUCA's Endowment Fund, or would like to make a gift to the fund, please contact Al Pulsifer (ajpulsifer@verizon.net).

Welcome to Patricia Owen - Intern Minister

This year we welcome Patricia Owen, who is serving as UUCA's 17th Intern Minister. She will be formally introduced to the congregation during our Ingathering Service on Sunday, September 7.



A little about Patricia.... Originally from Virginia, Patricia has lived in England, Germany, Buffalo and Richmond. She joined the Air Force in 1985 and is a veteran of Desert Storm I, and Deny Flight. During her military career she was a Maintenance Scheduler, another way to say she is good at logistics. After ten years of active duty she transferred to the Air National Guard. 9/11 brought her to Richmond and she stayed. She retired with 22 ½ years of service in 2008.

Unchurched for many years, Patricia found the UU Church of Richmond in 2004. In 2009 she joined the staff there, first as Director of Membership and then served as Student Minister, Intern and Summer Minister. Patricia graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School with a Master's of Divinity in May 2014, and now joins UUCA as our Intern Minister!

Patricia comes to Annapolis with three cats, Wolfman, Blink and Georgia, who have all been with her about 18 years. Her life partner, Christina Arnold, will join her in Annapolis in mid-December. She is a Physician Assistant, originally from upstate New York. Christina is an identical twin, so at some point, you'll see double!

You can read a more detailed biography at www.uuannapolis.org/leadership/meet-our-ministers, and contact Patricia at powen@uuannapolis.org.

Order of Service Art Project

Kids! Youth! Adults!
Do you like art?
Drawing, painting, collage?

If so, enter our Order of Service Art Project:

Pictures will be chosen from each month's submissions, to serve as that month's cover to the Sunday Order of Service. Other submissions will be displayed on our R.E. bulletin boards.

HOW TO ENTER:

- 1) Complete (or have your parent complete) the bottom of this side with your information. Do your best work on the right-side of this page.
- 2) Do not put any art on the "Morning Celebration" title, or on the church address and information. Stay in the lines of the box. That is the part that will be printed.
- 3) Turn in your entry to Rev. Christina Leone Tracy's church office mailbox by **SEPTEMBER 24th.**
- 4) The theme for October (when these OOS covers will be used) is: **Generosity.** Show in your artwork what Generosity means to you.

Artist's Name and Age: _____

Contact Info (Artist or parent): _____

Morning Celebration

Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis
333 Dubois Rd. Annapolis, MD 21401
www.uuannapolis.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our [online calendar](#) for more events and scheduling information.

The **Outdoor Club** meets Saturday, **September 6**, for canoeing/kayaking on the Potomac River, launching from Fletcher's Boathouse where rentals are available. Meet at the church at 9:00 AM to carpool. Bring your boat (or plan to rent), PFD, water, and lunch. Contact: Eloise Hoyt; eloisehoyt@verizon.net.

UU Humanists discuss *The Meme Machine*; psychologist Susan Blackmore's book about memes, a term first coined in 1976 by evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in his book *The Selfish Gene*, and used to describe elements of culture: words, songs, attitudes, religious beliefs, ideologies, rituals, and technologies that, like genes, pass from person to person and generation to generation. Join us Monday, **September 8 & 22** (*change due to Labor Day*) at 7:00 PM. Contact: Cliff Andrew; neurol@verizon.net.

The **Community Forum's annual symposium** will be held on Sunday, **September 14** at 3:00 PM. It will feature the documentary *Inequality for All*, followed by a moderated discussion. \$5 donation requested. Contact: Scott Eden; seden4100@gmail.com.

Gallery 333 will feature the works of Evelyn Kaczmar and Constance Wroblowski in September and October. **Meet the artists** on Sunday, **September 14**, following the 11:15 AM worship service.

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Contact: Deb Boudra; dancindebart@comcast.net.

The **Book Club** meets on Tuesday, **September 16**, at 7:00 PM in the library to discuss *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Contact: Jean Gruber; grubers@netzero.com.

UULM-MD is hosting a **Health Care Reform Engagement Party** in partnership with the Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform on Friday, **September 19**, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Seating is limited. To register, click [here](#). For information, contact info@uulmmd.org.

Sound Tech Training: We are recruiting sound techs for the coming church year. The training is open to anyone age 16 and up. No prior experience necessary; however, being comfortable with using technology is a plus. Attending the training does not imply a commitment, only a willingness to learn and possibly volunteer in the booth on occasional Sundays and for other church events. Sunday, **September 21**, after the 11:15 AM service. Contact: Mickey Lund; mehpotter2@icloud.com.

UULM-MD is also hosting **Get Money Out - Maryland**; a group working to get the Maryland legislature to pass a joint resolution formally calling for a Convention of the States (or "Article V Convention"), as a means to propose an amendment to the Constitution for free and fair elections and

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overturning 'Citizen's United'. [Click here](#) for more information, or contact info@uulmmd.org.

"Fourth Fridays" Concert Series with Brian Ganz continues Friday, **September 26** at 8:00 PM. Brian is joined by Karen Johnson for a program entitled **20th Century Classical Masterpieces for Flute & Piano**. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15, or buy a series pass (\$60/5 performances).



Save the Date:

UUCA's Family Dinner & Auction

"A Mad Hatter Affair"
Saturday, **October 18**
5:00 - 9:00 PM

\$10/adults; \$5/children

Don a festive hat and join us for fundraising and fun!!

Stop by our table in the narthex beginning Sunday, September 7;

You can sign up to help or donate an item to be auctioned.

Suggestions include:

Vacations/travel

Dinners

Theme Baskets

Arts & Crafts

Beer/Wine/Spirits

Gift Cards

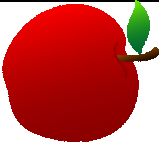
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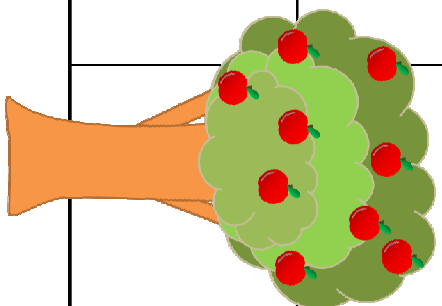
Etc.!!

Contact: Carly Sargent;

c4carly@verizon.net

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Church Office Closed 1	6:30 PM AWAKE Worship 2	7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 3	7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group 4	7:00 PM Full Moon Women's Celebration 5	9:00 AM Outdoor Club 6
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MUSIC NOTES

Betsy Kraning, Music Director

Having taught music in the school system for 40 years, I believe my brain is wired to work with the academic calendar year. And, although I've been retired for 3 years, I feel excited about the new church year as I was in my teaching days!! There are many exciting things happening this year, and lots of opportunities to share music with you, as Music Director at UUCA. The "RE-for-All Middle Hour" begins Sunday, September 14, at 10:10 AM. During that time "Music - - A Spiritual Practice" will be held in the sanctuary. Open to all adults, we will offer a menu of topics and activities, all connected to music. Music is a spiritual practice for me and I look forward to encouraging others to delve more deeply into their understanding and enjoyment of music. A few of the topics are: *Hymn Sing* - pick your favorites and sing along; *Harmonic Singing & Meditation* - harmonize together and listen to the sounds develop as we blend our voices; *The Beauty of Rhythm* - Join Ray Watkins to read, create, and perform rhythms on percussion instruments; *Music Theory - The Building Blocks of Music*; *The Art of Gospel Singing* - sing along with Josh Long, our new Spirit Choir & AWAKE Music Ministries Professional; *Vocal Techniques* - how to get the most out of your singing voice; *Playing in an Orchestral*

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SECOND SUNDAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

The August Second Sunday Outreach Collection totaled \$455.00, for our yearly contributions to the Banneker-Douglass Museum, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the local chapter of the NAACP.



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.

Ensemble; Folk Singing; and Chanting.

The UUCA Children's Choir (for first to eighth grade) will begin September 21 and practice once a month during the 9:00 AM child care session. The Children's Choir will participate with the Spirit Singers once a month at 9:00 AM, and will sing for the 5:00 PM family Christmas Eve service.

The Spirit Singers, co-directed by Betsy Kraning and Josh Long, will rehearse once a month and sing once a month for the 9:00 and 11:15 AM worship services. The music will be diverse and include gospel, folk, world music, contemporary, inspirational, anthems and hymns.

Our interim choir director is Josh Hong. He will lead the UUCA Choir, which will begin rehearsing Wednesday, August 27 and continue on their regular Wednesday night schedule. They sing twice a month for worship services. The music is diverse and includes ancient chants, classical compositions, spirituals, world music, gospel, and jazz.

Finally, "The Joy of Music" is a program of music enrichment being offered once a month during the 9:00 AM child care session for children ages 4 through 10. The children will explore music through listening, performing, moving, singing and playing instruments.

I hope everyone will find a way to become involved in music this year at UUCA. Music is a thread that weaves throughout the life of our church, connecting us, challenging us, and healing us today and tomorrow.

INREACH COLLECTION

The August 17 InReach Collection, which will help fund the Intern Minister Search & Support Committees, totaled \$679.00. Thanks to all who contributed.

InReach Collections will continue throughout the year, as a means to supplement particular budget items whose funds may have been reduced for 2014.





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 Nancy Karpeles 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 mpg@uuannapolis.org.

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 mpg@uuannapolis.org.

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 Heather Millar; heathermillar@gmail.com.

Spirit Singers Open to all musicians! Led by co-directors Betsy Kraning and Josh Long, this group provides diverse, intergenerational, multicultural, contemporary music once a month for worship services. Contact Betsy Kraning, Music Director at bkraning@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. Led by the intern minister. Contact Phil Tawes; pwtawes@aol.com.

Young Adults: 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 Betsy Kraning; bkraning@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: Naturalism-Science-Reason-Wonder-Compassion-Community-Respect. Book discussions and film viewings as announced. 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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