



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Dear White Allies - -

—an excerpt from Rev. John's  
January 10 blog article

*I must confess that over the last few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Council-er or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can't agree with your methods of direct action;" who paternalistically feels he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by the myth of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait until a 'more convenient season.' Shallow understanding from people of goodwill is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.*

[Martin Luther King, Jr; Letter from Birmingham Jail, 1963]

Most people I know want simple fairness in life. They want a job and a decent wage doing something meaningful; to have a family; to live in safe and quality housing; to be able to educate their kids in safe, quality schools with the hope that they will become well-rounded individuals. And, many of us wish to find love (with whomever we want), and success (in whatever field of study we choose). Pretty simple stuff.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "ask" from society for African-Americans was simple, but the response from the white masses was complex – full of hate and fear. Blacks wanted full integration into the American way of life, not because of an insatiable need to imitate whiteness, but rather because of the human yearning to be free. All people want the opportunity to participate fully and fairly in a democracy.

Current poverty, unemployment, and incarceration rates; along with police arrest rates of minorities; show us that the simple freedoms many seek have not been fully realized. We are now over 50 years removed from the Civil Rights Movement and people are still angry, bitter, and yearning for freedom.

What can we do? As privileged people what can *you* do? What are you doing to help brown and black people attain their spiritual and physical freedoms that are still being denied by the white majority?

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**Next Highlights Deadline:  
February 15**

**[highlights@uuannapolis.org](mailto:highlights@uuannapolis.org)**

Let me give some examples of how, when you use your power, you can absolutely change the world by your effort...

To read the remainder of the blog entry, visit [www.uuannapolis.org/uncategorized/dear-white-allies](http://www.uuannapolis.org/uncategorized/dear-white-allies)



"In the end,  
we will remember not  
the words of our  
enemies,  
but the silence  
of our friends."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



**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!

**Preliminary 2014 Financial Results**

—Annie Thornton  
Finance Officer

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the December Congregational Meeting (contact the church office if you would like access to the presentation). As promised, here is a brief update of the 2014 preliminary results. The final results will be summarized at the April Congregational Meeting after the formal year-end closing.

The year-end appeal was a great success, bringing in almost \$14,000 in donations! Thank you to our very generous UUCA congregation. With these donations, tight financial management, and December contributions, we are pretty much break-even for the year. This is a huge achievement given the bare-bones low budget and switch to a new canvass system!

I'd also like to especially thank Bill Curtis. We had a lively discussion at the December Congregational Meeting over whether we could afford to do a Cost of Living Adjustment for the full time staff after several years of no COLAs or raises (about \$8,000 in additional expense). Bill provided a targeted donation to cover that amount so that we could move forward and do the right thing for our people. Thank you Bill!

If you have any finance questions, contact Annie Thornton ([leneythornton@gmail.com](mailto:leneythornton@gmail.com)).

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**Year-End Appeal Nets \$13,768**

We are deeply grateful to the 49 households that contributed to the 2014 Year-End Appeal. Through their generosity we exceeded our budget goal of \$10,000 for this fundraiser. We thank them for their support and commitment to sustain this shared ministry we have together, which transforms lives within and outside the UUCA community.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the event of inclement weather, visit [www.uuannapolis.org](http://www.uuannapolis.org) where a pop-up box will appear with any relevant cancellations.

You can also call the office at 410-266-8044 for a recorded announcement. On weekdays, you should contact the individual responsible for the meeting or event you plan to attend. Often, those cancellations are made on a case-by-case basis.

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

## Intercultural Competency and Emotional Literacy at UUCA

—Alethea Shiplett, UUCA Board Trustee-at-large

Most of us don't frequently think about our own culture (usually because we don't have to!). For this reason, identifying our personal cultural values or beliefs may seem like a strange or even difficult task. Yet, before we can see and understand other cultures, we must first see and understand our own. Differences can create challenges, even conflict. Those challenges and conflicts can either invigorate or divide our congregation, as well as the families, institutions and communities in which we live. In an increasingly diverse world, broadening and deepening our understanding and skills is a critical part of living in right relationships and shaping the beloved community.

Becoming inter-culturally competent can support us on our journey. As we live and work in increasingly multicultural settings, our success depends more and more upon our willingness to engage, respond and move forward with each other.

There are several opportunities our congregation has to engage in the practice of intercultural competency (IC) and emotional literacy (EL). The EL/IC Practice Group, facilitated by Alethea Shiplett, Life Coach and Trainer for AWAKE Ministries, meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the library. The aim of this group is to support one another in practicing communication skills and language that promote compassion and connection in personal relationships and across cultures. During Middle Hour on the first Sunday of each month, a workshop on emotional literacy and intercultural competency will be offered as an introduction to the concepts and practice of non-violent communication. Finally, on the first weekend in May, guest facilitator Phyllis Braxton returns to lead an all-day workshop, *Embracing Our Multicultural Present and Future*. This workshop will give us practical tools to heighten our awareness to effectively manage and resolve conflicts between what is and what could be. Through the process of intercultural competence assessment and learning approaches for resolving conflict across cultures, we will gain a greater awareness of how culture impacts cognitive and behavioral responses to conflict and how to apply this awareness to our congregation and our personal and professional interactions.

Please take advantage of these opportunities to learn and practice these skills of communicating for connection, so you can contribute to making UUCA a more compassionate and welcoming community.

### **To Access Board Documents Online:**

Visit [www.uuannapolis.org/board-meeting-minutes](http://www.uuannapolis.org/board-meeting-minutes), which is protected by a password. Contact the Church Office for the password; [mreese@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org).

### **Middle Hour Evaluations**

You may recall that when we implemented the 'Middle Hour' schedule back in September, we agreed to wait until January before evaluating the success of the plan, in order to allow time to "iron out the wrinkles". Now that January has come and gone, the staff has formulated a method for collecting feedback. **RE Parents** will receive a brief email questionnaire – please reply with your comments. **Other adults** who attend Middle Hour classes will receive a brief questionnaire during upcoming Middle Hour sessions. You may also send your comments to [cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org](mailto:cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org). We welcome constructive criticism-please include your suggestions along with your comments, and positive feedback is great too! **THANK YOU!!**



**February's Theme: Diversity**

**Sunday, February 1:**

**"Enough for Everyone"**

**Patricia Owen,  
Intern Minister**

One thing that draws many people to our faith is the acceptance of many different beliefs held under one umbrella. Sometimes it doesn't feel that way when we struggle with the idea of dominant theology. Is there enough room under the umbrella? Is there enough for everyone?

Music by the UUCA Choir.

**Sunday, February 8:**

**"The Arc of the Universe  
Is Long"**

**Rev. John Crestwell**

I loved watching the cartoon *The Jetsons* about the everyday antics of a space-aged family in the future. They had flying cars, a robot housekeeper, video-phones, and all kinds of electronic conveniences. Let's explore where we are and where we are going as a species. Are we headed toward a *Jetsons* or a *Star Trek* existence centuries from now? My findings may shock and/or excite you!

Music by Sara Jones.

*Podcasts of weekly sermons  
are available online at  
[www.uucamd.libsyn.com](http://www.uucamd.libsyn.com).*

**Sunday, February 15:**

**"Why Darwin Matters"**

**Rev. Fred Muir**

Charles Darwin initiated a cultural revolution that started 156 years ago and shows no signs of stopping. Politics, science, religion, families and school systems have all been caught up in the tumult – in the applications and misapplications of Darwin's "little secret". Where do you stand in this ongoing conversation? Join me for our 20th Annual "Darwin Sunday".

Music by the UUCA Choir.

**Sunday, February 22:**

**"Beloved Community Lab  
(again)"**

**Rev. Christina Leone Tracy**

Since Rev. Christina was sick on January 11 and unable to offer her service on the topic of Beloved Community Lab, let's try it again! Come learn about why practice is so important, and let's do some practicing, to move our church community toward the goal of Beloved Community--the place where people all recognize inherent worth and dignity in themselves and each other .

Music by the Spirit Singers and AWAKE Musicians.

**February AWAKE Services**

**February 1: Faith & Football**

The big game brings with it an array of diverse people, places and ideals to contemplate. Let's discuss what we can learn about diversity from sports.

**February 8: Thrive in Diversity**

Now, more than ever, we are connected to a diverse group of people in our personal, professional, and spiritual lives. Find inspiration from our spiritual ancestors about how to thrive in today's diverse communities.

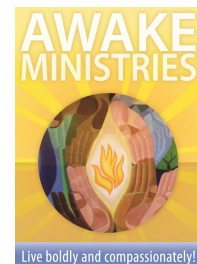
**February 15: Being a Perfect Stranger**

Celebrating our differences and our uniqueness is a spiritual practice that involves stepping out of our comfort zone. We will explore ways to celebrate and take part in diverse spiritual communities.

**February 22: Take Action!**

Did you know the Buddha had a specific campaign against racial discrimination? Find out what his vision looked like and how we can apply it to our own diversity and inclusion work today.

**Potluck - 4:00 PM  
Worship - 4:30-6:00 PM**

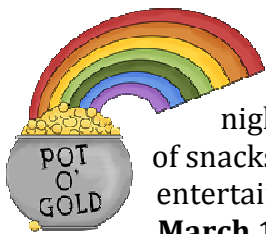






Rev. Christina Leone Tracy  
Faith Development Minister

**Dancing on the Side of Love - Postponed!**



This will be the third annual "Dancing on the Side of Love" event UUCA has hosted, welcoming people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to come dance the night away (or at least from 5:00-8:00 PM). We have lots of snacks, drinks, games, and music to keep everyone entertained. This year the dance has been **postponed until March 13** – and now re-titled the "Pot 'O Gold" Dance!! We

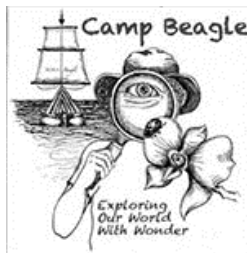
look forward to seeing you there!!

To help out, contact Rev. Christina ([cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org](mailto:cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org))

We need set-up, clean-up, food prep, and activity support to run the event.

**Camp Beagle: Sailor Registration & Crew Recruitment  
Coming February 15!**

Beginning Darwin Sunday (February 15), visit the table in the narthex to pick up information about this year's 6th voyage of Camp Beagle. Camp will be held July 13-17; fee is \$100 per camper (ages 4-13, free for volunteer First Mates ages 14-18); financial support is available if the cost is prohibitive for your family, don't hesitate to ask if needed.



Please register your child early-- we fill up quickly!

Volunteers are also being recruited at that time. We need LOTS of people to make Camp Beagle run smoothly-- Captains are needed all day for the whole week. Harbormasters volunteer one whole day (or more). Club leaders are needed for the afternoons. Deckhands can help partial days, as little or as much as they want. See the table for more info, or contact Elise ([eberrocal@uuannapolis.org](mailto:eberrocal@uuannapolis.org)).

**Middle Hour Feedback Requested**

When UUCA implemented Middle Hour this past September, we decided to wait to make any changes or seek formal feedback until January, to let the "wrinkles smooth out." January has come and gone, so it's time for feedback. **Parents** - a short email questionnaire is coming to you. PLEASE fill it out. **All others** - if you participate in Middle Hour adult classes, you will be offered a short questionnaire for your feedback over the next few weeks. If you have other feedback you'd like to give, please email Rev. Christina at [cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org](mailto:cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org). We encourage constructive criticism... If something is a problem, please be clear and specific about what it is, and list any suggestions for solutions. Positive feedback is also welcome.

**REMINDERS:**

**2/1:** Neighboring Faiths visit to United Church of Christ

**2/8:** COA Craft Sale—bring cash or check to support COA Boston trip

**2/22 (and 3/1):** COA Food Drive (offsite)

**2/28:** Neighboring Faiths visit to Dar al Taqwa mosque

**CHILD CARE THIS MONTH:**

**2/1:** Joy of the Arts  
-Rev. Christina

**2/8:** TBA  
-Linda Mills

**2/15:** Diversity activities  
-Rev. Christina

**2/22:** Cooking  
-Jane Andrew

**MIDDLE HOUR (ADULTS):**

**2/1:** *Selma* book discussion; Adult Neighboring Faiths-Islam; Emotional Literacy/Intercultural Competency Workshop; 'Going Deeper' discussion

**2/8:** *Selma* book discussion; Loving-kindness mediation; UUCA Board of Trustees; 'Going Deeper' discussion

**2/15:** Adult Neighboring Faiths-Humanism; Third Principle Practice Group; Taize Singing; 'Going Deeper' discussion; Young Adults Coffee & Conversation

**2/22:** Shape Note singing; Our 7 Principles; Black History Month; 'Going Deeper' discussion; Young Adults Coffee & Conversation

## Holiday Cheer Aplenty

—Jacque Pulsifer

Thanks to the work of Tracy Gill, with musical advice from Max Ochs, students from the Homework Haven Program provided holiday music for residents of The Light House Homeless Prevention Center this past Christmas season. Little Caesars and Domino's provided pizza for dinner; then the students boarded a bus for a visit to Main Street to see the holiday lights and enjoy a sample of fudge at Kilwin's. The next stop was the Shelter, where the residents joined the students in enthusiastically singing a number of seasonal songs. The evening ended with a visit to Lights on the Bay at Sandy Point Park.

Funding and volunteers for Homework Haven come from UUCA and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. It meets Monday through Thursday each week, and about 20 students attend on a regular basis. This year, grants from the UUCA Endowment Fund and the Parole Rotary Club have provided support for the program. There is a need for a few more tutors and additional financial support; if either is of interest to you, please contact Darrel Nash - [nash.darrelnash@gmail.com](mailto:nash.darrelnash@gmail.com).



Max Ochs leads the group in song.

## ORDER OF SERVICE COVER CONTEST

**Calling all artists!  
Adults! Youth! Children!**

We want **YOU** to design the order of service cover for March!

Depict what "Faith" means to you, and turn the entry form into the office by **February 22**. Winning art will be displayed on the cover for the entire month. Entry forms are located in the narthex and in *In the Know*.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
FEBRUARY'S ARTIST -  
MARTY EGNA!!**



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## Selma: Bold & Compassionate

On Saturday, January 10, Rev. John Crestwell led a film & lunch-discussion group of AWAKE/UUCA/ARC (Anti-Racism Council) and the tag-along Mindfulness Practice Group to a showing of *Selma*. The fifty attendees were about three quarters of the audience for the early matinee. Three dozen of us went on to lunch at TGIFriday's after the film, continuing fellowship and processing our emotions after such a confrontation with the legacy of racism.

Universal consensus at TGIFriday's recommends *Selma* as a triumph at keeping it both "deep and real" (Rev. John's terms) for both King's marital indiscretions and the death of four little girls in a church bombing. Rev. John noted that Dr. King was portrayed masterfully by actor David Oyelowo who "...embodied the man. His facial expressions, gestures, movement; (*his*) whole persona made me believe he was King. As one who has studied King I can say that I was impressed and in awe!" MPG sangha-friend, Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network activist, and friend from Eastport United Methodist, Lee Corse said, "So powerful, just-- powerful—thrilling." One UUCA member was embarrassed (but quickly reassured) that others had heard her in the Bathroom, where she had gone when brought to tears. Rev. John added, "The brutality of that time left me in tears and close to wailing aloud with pain."

Nonetheless, conversation at TGIFriday's was so supportive and hopeful that no one left between our arrival at 1:15 until after 4 PM. We dispersed only after a couple of people looked at their watches and realized that we had nearly talked past kick-off for the Ravens' playoff!



Group at TGIFriday's

## New Year, New Energy, New Determination Applied to Diversity!

—Phyllis Culham

The sixth annual Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network's New Year Eve Worship Service was energized by an increased emphasis on music and audience-participation as well as determination to increase diversity of both attendees and worship leaders. Over one hundred and seventy people came, most to both the pre-service concert at 6:30 PM and the service at 7:00, an increase of about twenty percent over last year. Our hosts were the Eastport United Methodist Church under the new leadership of Rev. Michelle Meija. The standing ovation of the evening went to the Daughters of Zion Liturgical Dancers from Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, making their first appearance at the service. Also new to the service this year, the AWAKE musicians offered an inspiring style of music during the opening concert and throughout the service. Max Ochs, an annual favorite of GAIN, carried on in a rhythmic, bluesy spirit which left most people convinced that everyone in the concert had been practicing together for weeks!

UU commitment to diversity of faiths and people throughout Annapolis was exemplified by UUCA member Liz Vanden Heuvel, co-chair of GAIN along with Sandra Solomon, as well as Rev. John T. Crestwell, Jr., leading the AWAKE musicians, including UUCA's own Josh Long and JT Crestwell. "Cantors" from UUCA's Mindfulness Practice Group offered a compassion chant; which featured UUCA members Kristine Steinkoenig, Lois Fussell, Judy Krantz, Bob Ertman and Phyllis Culham.

UUs and others appreciated the great diversity of contributors including Quakers, Baha'i, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (and their "pioneer" hymn), Islam, Judaism, the Annapolis Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church, and GLBTQ-friendly Evolve Spirituality; as well as Annapolis city itself, represented by Joe Budge, Annapolis Alderman and Officer 1st Class Joseph Ridley from the Annapolis Police Department. Attendees finally adjourned to a substantial reception, complete with black-eyed peas.



*AWAKE musicians perform at GAIN's  
New Year's Eve service.*

## Notes from the Green Sanctuary Team – Stormwater Mitigation

—Pat Fleearty

This coming spring, be on the lookout for a lot of activity outdoors as we work toward dealing with storm runoff, utilizing grant money for this purpose. As you may remember, we were awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy to make environmental improvements to our impervious surfaces to mitigate the damage from stormwater runoff entering the headwaters of Luce Creek behind our building. That runoff contains nutrients, pollutants, and sediment which flow into the creek, the Severn River, and, eventually, the Chesapeake Bay. By creating four additional rain gardens at various parts of the parking lot, expanding the current rain gardens, placing a cistern to collect rain water from the roof, replacing some concrete with pervious pavement, and building a step pool system in the ravine behind the Memorial Garden, we hope to reach our goal of diminishing stormwater runoff.

This grant is part of the River-Wise Congregations grants, in which 17 faith communities are taking action to stop polluted runoff from their properties. As a condition of our participation in the grant program, UUCA is providing two Watershed Steward Academy trainees for its current series of classes - Win Decker and Jamie Gilmore. We thank them for their participation!







## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**UU Humanists** will meet Monday, **February 2 & 16**, at 6:00 PM for a potluck in the narthex followed by a screening of Richard Dawkins' *The Genius of Charles Darwin*. Also, join us Thursday, **February 12**, 7:00 PM at Middleton Tavern as we 'Tip a Pint to Charlie' in honor of Charles Darwin's birthday.

**Contact:** Cliff Andrew;  
[neurol@verizon.net](mailto:neurol@verizon.net).

**Nifty 50+ Potluck**- Saturday, **February 7**, at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP and indicate what you are bringing.

**Contact:** Claire Morgen;  
[cfriday@aol.com](mailto:cfriday@aol.com) to RSVP.

**Emotional & Intercultural Competency Practice Group** meets Tuesday, **February 10**, 6:30 PM in the library. This is a donation-based group, to support AWAKE ministries. No childcare provided. Facilitated by AWAKE Life Coach Alethea Shiplett.

**Contact:** Ale' Shiplett;  
[feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com).

**Young Adults**- Great news! Young Adults (ages 18-32) are now meeting for "Coffee & Conversation" during Middle Hour! Join us Sunday, **February 15 & 22**, 10:10 AM, in the MacLean room (downstairs; formerly the 'purple cow' room).

**Contact:** Winters Geimer;  
[wlgheimer@gmail.com](mailto:wlgheimer@gmail.com). [Connect with Young Adults on Facebook.](#)



The **Book Club** meets Tuesday, **February 17**, at 7:00 PM when we will be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doer. All are welcome even if you haven't finished the book.

**Contact:** Jean Gruber;  
[grubers@netzero.com](mailto:grubers@netzero.com).

**JUUST Change: Inspired Faith-Effective Action** - Saturday, **February 21**, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Led by Rev. Fred Muir. This is your opportunity to be a part of long-range social justice planning at UUCA.

**Information & Registration:**  
[www.tinyurl.com/JUUSTChange](http://www.tinyurl.com/JUUSTChange)  
Cost is \$10; light breakfast and lunch provided.

**YRUU Youth-Elder Game Day** - Sunday, **February 22**, 12:30 - 2:30 PM. YRUU youth invite elder members & friends to join them for a potluck lunch and afternoon of board games.

**Contact:** Paul Berry;  
[pberry@uuannapolis.org](mailto:pberry@uuannapolis.org).

**"Fourth Fridays" Concert Series with Brian Ganz**- Brian Ganz returns to the Fourth Friday series with *A Chopin Celebration*, on Friday, **February 27**, at 8:00 PM. As always, Brian will also take requests and answer questions. For the 2015 season, Brian takes on the role of artistic director for the concert series, meaning he will perform less - so be sure to mark this date on your calendar! Tickets \$15 (at the door only) or purchase a \$60 series ticket good for five performances.

**Outdoor Club** - Saturday, **February 28**, we'll meet at the Severna Park Mall at 9:00 AM to carpool to Downs Park in Pasadena for a brisk walk, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

**Contact:** Eloise Hoyt,  
[eloisehoyt@verizon.net](mailto:eloisehoyt@verizon.net).

### **Save the Date:**

**Pot O' Gold Dance** - Saturday, **March 13**, 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Fun, food, raffles, games, music & dancing for all ages! Wear your rainbow colors to celebrate our UUCA diversity and create the rainbow for the pot o' gold! Cost = \$5/person; max \$20/family.

One raffle ticket included in admission; or \$2/each, 6/\$10 or 13/\$20!

**Contact** Rev. Christina -  
LOTS of volunteers needed!  
[cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org](mailto:cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org)



**"Peace & Justice" Gospel Concert** - Saturday, **March 21**, 6:30 PM. Mark the date on your calendar!

**Contact** Betsy Kraning;  
[bkraning@uuannapolis.org](mailto:bkraning@uuannapolis.org).





## February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 AM Intro to Mindfulness 9:00 AM Worship/CC 10:10 AM Middle Hour 11:15 AM Worship/CC	2 6:00 PM UU Humanists	3 12:00 PM Video Discussion Group	4 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	6	7 6:00 PM Nifty 50+ Potluck
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# MUSIC NOTES

Betsy Kraning, Music Director

**UUCA Musical Staff:**  
 Peter Jacobson, UUCA Choir Director  
 Sara Jones, UUCA Choir Accompanist  
 Joshua Long, Spirit Singers & AWAKE Music Ministries Professional

## Saturday, March 21 – Gospel Night 2015

In 2014, the UUCA and AWAKE Ministries Gospel Night was a huge success! Our church was a welcoming place for many people who had never even walked through our doors before... and certainly didn't think of us as a church where gospel music is appreciated. This year, the theme will be 'Peace and Justice'. Josh Long, our Spirit Singers & AWAKE Music Ministries Professional, is lining up musical acts as we speak. We plan to include African dancing as well as poetry in our evening of music. Consider being a part of this event and help us show the community our goal of increasing diversity.

How can you help? Share your ideas with Josh or me. Volunteer to help provide the refreshments for intermission. Be a greeter on the evening of the event. Serve on the planning committee. Write a poem (or choose a favorite poem) about peace, justice, or anti-racism and read it on the evening of the event. Hand out programs. Or, simply offer your support by attending the concert.

What do you know about gospel music? Music has been building bridges to connect people forever. Before integration became a law...musicians were making music together with total disregard for color of skin.

So many exciting discussions, programs, and events are happening at UUCA - leading up to more intercultural workshops in the spring. Plan to be part of our **UUCA & AWAKE Ministries Peace & Justice Gospel Night** on Saturday, **March 21**, at 6:30 PM. See you there!

Betsy Kraning  
 Music Director

## SHARE-THE-PLATE COLLECTION

The **January** Share-the-Plate raised \$1,424 to benefit the **Minister's Discretionary Fund**, which provides funds for emergency needs within the community.

The Share-the-Plate recipient for **February** will be the **UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland** (UULM-MD). As a statewide advocacy network of Unitarian Universalists, UULM-MD alerts, educates and encourages Marylanders to address issues before the Maryland General Assembly. Partnering with like-minded coalitions and organizations as well as working with legislators, UULM-MD provides a voice for UU principles and traditions in the discussion of issues. During the 2015 Session of the MD General Assembly, we expect to work on legislation to help slow climate change, increase economic justice and support reform of the criminal justice system in Maryland.



Every Sunday, the plate collection will be divided evenly between the chosen recipient and UUCA's operating budget. Therefore, **if you place a check in the offering plate, you must indicate pledge or outreach on the memo line**. If a check is without notation, it will automatically be applied to the plate share. Once the funds have been transferred to the charity, your contribution cannot be reallocated to your pledge. Thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions about Share-the-Plate charities, contact Diane Goforth; [dsgoforth@aol.com](mailto:dsgoforth@aol.com); for questions about Share-the-Plate policies, contact the Church Office; [mreese@uuanapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuanapolis.org).



## 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 Anne Hays for information; [annehays1933@gmail.com](mailto:annehays1933@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:balanceseeker@comcast.net).

**Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation:** Beginner-friendly session every Sunday at 8:30 AM 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mpg@uuannapolis.org).

**Nifty Fifties +:** A social group for seniors, that meets periodically for dinners, game nights, and other outings. Contact Claire Morgen at [cfriday@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pwtawes@aol.com).

**Young Adults:** A social group for adults in the "twenty-something" age bracket. Contact Winters Geimer if you are interested; [wlgheimer@gmail.com](mailto:wlgheimer@gmail.com).

**UUCA Choir:** meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM early September through May. New members are welcome. Contact Betsy Kraning; [bkraning@uuannapolis.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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