



# HIGHLIGHTS

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## Intern Minister Bio - Welcome, Hannah!

Hannah Roberts Villnave grew up in Racine, Wisconsin, where she was raised Unitarian Universalist at Olympia Brown UU Church. She was a church nerd from the very beginning and started serving on committees as soon as they would let her. While Hannah loved singing in the choir, her real passion was for religious education and formation. She started teaching Sunday school when she was in the 8th grade, and hasn't really stopped since.

When Hannah moved to Tempe, Arizona to attend Arizona State University, she joined the UU Congregation of Phoenix. While in Arizona, Hannah went to church (almost) every Sunday, continued to teach Sunday school, and participated in the congregation's efforts to protest the passage of the SB 1070 bill criminalizing undocumented immigrants.

After graduating from Arizona State, Hannah moved to Baltimore, MD where she taught English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) at two Baltimore City middle schools. Most of her students were recently arrived refugees, primarily from Nepal and East Africa. Hannah's time as a teacher strengthened her commitment to the UU faith. In the midst of the organized chaos of her classroom, she discerned a call to ministry with the help of her new church family at the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore.

Hannah's belief in Unitarian Universalism's capacity to transform lives and communities led her to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, where she began as a Masters of Divinity student in 2013. As an Urban Ministry Fellow at Wesley, Hannah is committed to engaging with cities as theological texts. She truly loves cities of all sizes and is passionate about making them places that foster justice, equity, and compassion.

Hannah has also served the larger UU movement in volunteer leadership positions at General Assembly and by co-writing a Renaissance Module curriculum about UU Identity.

Hannah and her wife, Catherine, will be living at 1920 N. Lawrence with their cat, Schweinsteiger. Catherine will be continuing her work as the Science Enrichment Specialist for Baltimore City Public Schools. They love biking, doing crossword puzzles, and cheering on the Orioles. After four years of living just up 97 in Charm City, they are looking forward to getting to know Annapolis even better.

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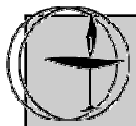
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**Next Highlights Deadline:  
September 15**

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**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!

**Embracing Racial & Cultural Differences Committee  
and "Black Lives Matter"**

*-Diane Goforth*

In 2012, UUCA adopted a bylaw committing us to become an anti-racist, anti-oppressive and multicultural congregation. In February of this year, UUCA held a social justice workshop; four task forces were created, including Embracing Racial and Cultural Differences (ERCD). In May, Phyllis Braxton guided the congregation in becoming interculturally competent. In June, the GA called upon member congregations to support the *Black Lives Matter* Movement as an Action of Immediate Witness. In July a summit of folks from area UU churches gathered to share their progress. Our ERCD committee agreed that putting up a Black Lives Matter banner would be an action of solidarity, both with the African American community and the River Road church, whose sign was vandalized twice, with someone cutting out the word "black." Rev. Fred Muir and the ministry team supported the ERCD's request to place the sign on church property, and our Board of Trustees endorsed this action.

On Sunday, August 16, Revs Christina and Patricia helped us launch the project. We are now wearing "Ask me about Black Lives Matter" labels on our nametags. On August 30, the "Black Lives Matter" banner will be ceremoniously installed on UUCA property. We are planning follow-up opportunities to involve everyone in this intentional learning space with us. We are also exploring how we can help efforts already underway in our local African American community and by other churches.

We want to hear what you have to say. For more information, please [go to UUAnnapolis.org](http://UUAnnapolis.org) and [download our FAQs](#), or pick up a copy at church.

ERCD Committee Members: Jane Burns, Jane Carrigan, Diane Goforth, Jackie Heimbuch, Heather Millar, Don Patterson, Linda Mundy, Eric Petterson, and Rusty Vaughan.



FROM THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES...



Questions or comments for the Board?  
Contact Heather Millar, Board Secretary  
at [board@uuannapolis.org](mailto:board@uuannapolis.org).

The UUCA Board really hit the ground running this spring. Shortly after the congregational meeting in April, there were one-on-one sessions with outgoing and incoming Board members to help the incoming members acclimate to their new position. In early May, many Board members attended the Embracing Our Multicultural Present and Future workshop by Phyllis Braxton at UUCA. In addition, the Board and the Building Beloved Community Team had lunch with Phyllis Braxton to strategize how to move forward with our commitment to intercultural competence. A week later, the Board held a listening session during Middle Hour to hear the hopes and dreams for UUCA in the years ahead.

Pulling this all together, the new UUCA Board of Trustees and the UUCA Professional Staff held an offsite kick-off meeting supported by consultant Terri Werner, to get to know one another and to form a plan for what we wanted to accomplish in the next year. We worked on the following goals:

- Transition from congregation member to Board member
- Shared vision of priorities for UUCA and the work of the Board
- Clarity about the roles of the congregation, the Board, and the Staff
- Strong and healthy relationships between the congregation, the Board, and the Staff
- Board members and Staff know each other well and have a strong partnership with good collaboration and teamwork
- Everyone feels respected, inspired and motivated

We discussed our hopes and dreams for UUCA and included those which were gathered from the earlier listening session. We also discussed and documented our concerns for UUCA. We gathered everyone's input on multiple topics such as the key issues facing UUCA in the next 2-3 years. We prioritized the lists, based on impact, feasibility, and commitment.

We talked about the role of the congregation and how to better include/engage the congregation in the work of the Church. We summarized the work that had already been accomplished by the previous Board, Staff, and other groups within UUCA, especially surrounding the Ends Statements.

We created action items for the next 3-4 months and worked on a 6-month transition plan outline as well as the basis for a Board covenant and a Board-Staff covenant. We were all energized by this work and felt we were off to a good start by laying a solid foundation from which to build. We look forward to a productive and exciting year at UUCA and invite your thoughts and comments.

Larry Werner

UUCA Trustee-at-Large



**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).



SUNDAY WORSHIP  
AT UUCA

**Sunday, September 6:**

**“The Transient & Permanent  
in Unitarian Universalism”**

**Rev. Christina Leone Tracy**

In 1841, Unitarian minister Theodore Parker preached a sermon entitled *The Transient and Permanent in Christianity*; considering what was an important foundation of the faith, and what was changeable. This Sunday Rev. Christina will explore what is transient and what is permanent in our own Unitarian Universalism (hint, a lot is transient!).

Ken Apfel and members of Christina's Committee on Ministry purchased this sermon topic at the fall auction.

Music by LE Gomez, Nina Pace, John Balano, Robin Gilmore, and Elisha Jones, with hymn accompaniment by Betsy Kraning.

**Sunday, September 13:**

**Ingathering & Water  
Communion Sunday**

Once again, the summer is ending and the congregation is gathering again to kick off a new church year! Join us as we "gather at the well" by bringing a small amount of water from home; from summer travels; or from your neighborhood lake, pond, pool, or fountain. We'll mingle the waters in our Water Communion ceremony, bless our new RE teachers, welcome rising 6th graders as members of the worshipping community, and meet our new Intern

Minister, Hannah! After the service we'll have a potluck picnic.

Music by U3.

**\*\*Sunday, September 20:**

**“The Dance of Forgiveness”**

**Rev. Fred Muir**

“We begin again in love” is the refrain in a responsive reading from our Unitarian Universalist hymnal. The reading is about forgiveness; forgiving ourselves and others. On this Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (the Jewish High Holy Days), forgiveness is our topic and the challenges of learning the steps to this difficult dance.

Music by UUCA Choir.

**\*\*RETURN TO 2 SERVICES -  
9:00 & 11:15 AM TODAY**

**Sunday, September 27:**

**“Thinking Abundantly”**

**Rev. John Crestwell**

Many attach the word "abundance" to money and riches. For sure they are related; but abundance is also a mind-set we carry wherever we go. In this season of Gratitude and Abundance let's look at how thinking abundantly leads to a richer and more fulfilling life; mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially.

Music by our Contemporary Music Director, Josh Long; Soloist, Nicole Rumeau; and others.

**A Note from the  
“Pastoral” Care Team...**

***...our name has changed!***

We are now the **Care Team**; and you can reach us at [careteam@uuannapolis.org](mailto:careteam@uuannapolis.org).

Our mission is to provide hope and caring to those within our church community who may be experiencing a transition or life crisis. We may make visits to homes or care facilities, arrange for meals, help with light chores, and provide transportation to appointments, etc.



**Endowment Fund Requests**

The UUCA Endowment Board is requesting proposals for the fall funding cycle. If you are interested in applying, contact Jackie Heimbuch; [jrheimbuch@outlook.com](mailto:jrheimbuch@outlook.com) for information on requirements.

The deadline is **September 21**.

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



## Love is a Verb

—Al & Jacque Pulsifer

One excellent way to put into practice our UU principles is to tutor once a week at Homework Haven, a UUCA program for children living in Woodside Gardens. It meets after school and serves approximately 25 elementary school students from this community. These children might be considered at-risk youth, although we prefer the term “kids at hope.” Homework Haven meets five days per week from 3:00-5:00 PM in two rooms in the apartment complex, and provides a safe location where students can complete their homework, read, and play games under adult supervision. The students served all attend Eastport Elementary School and are in kindergarten through grade 5; the one staff member and volunteers receive guidance on activities from the staff at Eastport Elementary. The volunteers emphasize language arts and mathematics, so in addition to providing a safe place for these children after school, the program prepares the students to be



successful as they proceed into middle and high school.

Several UUCA members volunteer at Homework Haven, but more tutors are needed so that the students can receive additional, individual attention. If you are interested in being a tutor or have questions, please contact Darrel Nash, [nash.darrelnash@gmail.com](mailto:nash.darrelnash@gmail.com) or Al Pulsifer, [ajpulsifer@verizon.net](mailto:ajpulsifer@verizon.net).

## Spirit Singers

Spirit Singers is open to all ages and musical abilities. We meet once a month on Friday evening, and will sing for Sunday services five times a year. This multigenerational choir sings diverse styles of music while developing each participant's vocal abilities. Children are welcome with an adult.

The first rehearsal is a potluck meeting on Friday, **September 18**, at the home of Betsy Kraning.

**Contact:** Betsy Kraning; [ekraning@aol.com](mailto:ekraning@aol.com).



## SHARE-THE-PLATE COLLECTION

The **July** Share-the-Plate raised a total of \$1,087.18 to benefit UUCA's **International Partners**, including our Partner Churches in Transylvania, the UU United Nations Office, the Women's Livelihood Project in Philippines, and the UU International Women's Convocation. The **August** collection, for the **Anne Arundel & Annapolis Scholarship Trust Co.**, will be reported in the next issue.

The Share-the-Plate recipient for **September** will be **Homework Haven**, co-created in the 1990s as a project of our Journey Towards Wholeness. It serves families with limited income and resources by providing after-school mentoring and other activities in the Woodside Gardens Community.

**Contact:** Al Pulsifer; [ajpulsifer@verizon.net](mailto:ajpulsifer@verizon.net) or Darrel Nash; [nash.darrelnash@gmail.com](mailto:nash.darrelnash@gmail.com).

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@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org).



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT UUCA

Rev. Christina Leone Tracy,  
Faith Development Minister

### “The Inquirers Series”

UUCA has been selected as a pilot site to test out a series of classes, including the 8-week *Inquirers* series, created by the First UU Church of Dallas, TX.

Ministers, staff, and church members will be leading the sessions, which will be open to newcomers seeking to join the church as a member, as well as those members who have been around a while and want a refresher course.

**What** - The series is **8 one-hour classes**, including Membership 101; Religious Exploration for Children and Adults; History, Principles & Sources; Community Service and Social Justice; Campus Tour; Q&A with the Minister; Pastoral Care; Worship; Rituals and the Church Year

**When** - All classes will be held during **Middle Hour**, or after service in the summer months

**How** - Take them in any order! You'll get a “passport” to be stamped each time you attend a session. Once you attend all 8, you may join the church at a Membership Ceremony.

**When can I join UUCA?** - Membership Ceremonies take place on the ninth week, after an 8-class cycle has finished:

**November 15, January 24, March 27, June 12, August 14**

**Who do I contact?** - No need to RSVP for class, but we do request RSVPs for the Membership Ceremony. Contact the Newcomer Support Team at [membership@uuannapolis.org](mailto:membership@uuannapolis.org) to RSVP, or if you have other questions or concerns.

### RE Registration for 2015-16 Church Year

It is important that all children and youth are registered for RE; it helps teachers prepare, as well as be aware of special needs, allergies, etc.

Classes this year include:  
**Beginner RE** - ages 2-3  
**Spirit Play I** - ages 4-5  
**Spirit Play II** - ages 6-8  
**Bibleodeon** - ages 9-10  
**Building Bridges** - ages 11-12  
**OWL** - 7th grade  
**COA** - 8th grade  
**YRUU** - High school

You can register by visiting [“forms” at www.uuannapolis.org](http://www.uuannapolis.org). The registration link as well as permission and information forms for youth classes are located there.

**Contact** Elise Berrocal;  
[eberrocal@uuannapolis.org](mailto:eberrocal@uuannapolis.org) for more information.

**Nursery care** is available during services as well as Middle Hour

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### Endowment Grant Update

—Jackie Heimbuch

The week of July 11, Arman Pedro visited UUCA from the Philippines and met with the Endowment Board after the Sunday service. Arman was on his way to Meadville Lombard Theological School to continue his work on a Masters of Arts in Religion. The Endowment Fund awarded Arman a grant for attending Meadville to support the growth of Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines and its social projects. These projects have grown to have an international presence, giving UUCA credit for funding, implementing and being part of a community that exemplifies our principles. Arman shared with us that it is his desire to use this education to promote and further develop the opportunities that have taken place in the last nine years as a result of UUCA, a network of supporters and a community devoted to change for the good of the people.

In Arman's words: *Doldol (Philippines) has been visited by different government agencies, LGU (Local Government Unit), local and foreign NGOs which highlighted the community projects that UU Church of Annapolis and New Pathways to Enterprise have established. A small step towards a more lasting and bigger opportunities for the women and their families. Indeed, nothing is highly impossible for the many souls joining together to bring a difference in the lives of others. Blessings to you all and more power!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**UUCA Choir Rehearsal** begins for the 2015-16 church year. Wednesday, **September 2**, at 7:00 PM Contact: Jan Sprinkel; [jansprink@verizon.net](mailto:jansprink@verizon.net).

**Nifty 50+ Potluck** on Saturday, **September 5**, 6:00 PM. Bring a joke or funny story to share along with a dish! **Contact:** Claire Morgen [cfriday@aol.com](mailto:cfriday@aol.com).

**Church Office closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.**

**UU Humanists** will meet Monday, **September 7 & 21** at 6:00 PM for a potluck in the narthex and then discussion of Richard Dawkin's *An Appetite for Wonder - The Making of a Scientist*. **Contact:** Cliff Andrew; [neurol@verizon.net](mailto:neurol@verizon.net).

**Community Forum** begins meeting again on Thursday, **September 10 & 24**, 7:00 PM. Over the next few months we will watch the course *Foundations of Economic Prosperity*. **Contact:** Scott Eden; [seden4100@gmail.com](mailto:seden4100@gmail.com).

**RE Teacher Training** - Saturday, **September 12**, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. Enjoy lunch, and an opportunity for leaders and assistants to meet, and for everyone to prepare for the RE year ahead. **Contact:** Elise Berrocal; [eberrocal@uuannapolis.org](mailto:eberrocal@uuannapolis.org).

**Ingathering Sunday & Church Picnic** - Sunday, **September 13**. Join us as we celebrate the end of summer and look forward to the start of a new church year. This is the last 10:00 AM service, followed by a potluck

picnic. **Contact:** Church Office; [mreese@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org).

**AWAKE Life Coaching Interest Session**; Sunday, **September 13**, 1:00 PM. If you are interested in becoming a life coach, Rev. John will be teaching a year-long course entitled "Total Life Coaching". Attend this interest session to learn more! **Contact:** Rev. John; [jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org](mailto:jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org).

**Rainbow School** kicks off the year with parent meetings; Tuesday, **September 15** at 9:00 AM or Thursday, **September 17** at 6:00 PM. Children welcome at the Tuesday meeting; bring a lunch for afterward. **Contact:** Ale' Shiplett; [feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com)

The **Lunch & Video Discussion Group** resumes its weekly meetings Tuesday, **September 15**, 12:00 to 1:30 PM in the library. Bring a lunch; watch PBS' *Religion & Ethics* program; followed by discussion moderated by our intern minister. **Contact:** Phil Tawes; [pwtawes@aol.com](mailto:pwtawes@aol.com).

**Book Club** meets on Tuesday, **September 15** at 7:00 PM to discuss *Gutenberg's Apprentice* by Alix Christie. **Contact:** Jean Gruber; [grubers@netzero.com](mailto:grubers@netzero.com).

The **Bridge Club** resumes on Friday, **September 18** at 7:30 PM. **\*\*Please note new location: RE Sanctuary** in the main building. **Contact:** Anne Hays; [annehays1933@gmail.com](mailto:annehays1933@gmail.com).

**UUCA Family Carnival** - Fun, fellowship & fundraising on

Saturday, **September 19**, 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Games, prizes, and refreshments.

**Contact:** Rev. Christina; [cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org](mailto:cleonetracy@uuannapolis.org). \*Volunteers needed, or event will be cancelled.

**Meet the Artist Reception** for the September/October Gallery show will be held Sunday, **September 20**, 12:30 PM. Art by Marge Silverton, Jim Horm, and Kim Kelly will be included. **Contact:** Deb Boudra; [dancindebart@comcast.net](mailto:dancindebart@comcast.net).

**Coming to the Table** (CTTT) holds its third exploratory session on Monday, **September 21**, at 7:00 PM. Visit [ComingToTheTable.org](http://ComingToTheTable.org) and click on "About".

**Contact:** Rusty Vaughan; [rusty@solutionreps.com](mailto:rusty@solutionreps.com) to RSVP.

**"Fourth Fridays" Concert Series** continues on Friday, **September 25** at 8:00 PM; featuring *Colonial Music of Annapolis with David & Ginger Hildebrand*. The Hildebrands are nationally renowned specialists in early American Music. Colonial, Revolutionary, and Federal period music will be performed. Tickets \$15 (at the door only) or purchase a \$60 series ticket good for five performances.

**Save the Date: Fall Book Swap - October 4** following both services. Bring your used books, CDs, DVDs, to exchange for a "new" selection. Do not drop off books prior to that morning.

## September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10:00 AM Worship/RE	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group		6:00 PM Nifty 50+ potluck
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00 AM Ingathering Service & Picnic	7:30 PM Drum Circle	9:00 AM Rainbow School Parent meeting	7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	7:30 PM Bridge Club	5:00 PM Family Carnival
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00 AM Worship/CC	6:00 PM UU Humanists	12:00 PM Lunch & Video Discussion	7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	7:00 PM Full Moon Celebration	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:10 AM Middle Hour	7:00 PM Coming to the Table	7:30 PM Drum Circle		7:00 PM Community Forum	8:00 PM Fourth Friday Concert	
11:15 AM Worship/CC						
12:30 PM Meet the Artist						
27	28	29	30			
9:00 AM Worship/CC			7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal			
10:10 AM Middle Hour						
11:15 AM Worship/CC						



## UU Buddhists from the Metro & Joseph Priestly Districts Start New Mid-Atlantic UU Buddhist Fellowship Sangha

—Bob Ertman

On July 18, UUs representing UU Buddhist sitting groups of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland met at the UU Congregation of Princeton to form the first regional subgroup of the UU Buddhist Fellowship. They intended to bring together UU Buddhists of the Metro and Joseph Priestly Districts and are now additionally inviting UU Buddhist sitting groups from as far west in Virginia as Charlottesville and as far south as Richmond, since such groups are already part of an informal UU Buddhist Fellowship region with groups in Maryland. Alan Oliver organized and chaired the meeting. He is not only a leader in the Princeton Congregation and its sitting group but also in the sitting groups in the UU Congregation of the South Jersey Shore & that at the UU Society of East Brunswick. Two of UUCA's Mindfulness Practice Group facilitators, Bob Ertman & Phyllis Culham, attended. The Chalice Lighting invoked Deep Listening and Mindful Speech for the day, and discussions were preceded and followed by silent meditation.

The new group, the Mid-Atlantic Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship Sangha, agreed to hold quarterly meetings and to plan a) meeting in connection with the District Assemblies of the Metro and Joseph Priestly Districts and b) an Annual Convocation intended to provide closer, less-costly options than GA and the UUBF Biannual Convocation, so that financially and/or time-challenged UU Buddhists had more opportunities for sangha-relationship with others. The group also aspired to offer its presence at GA and to contribute even more symbiotically to the UU Churches which its members attend.



Left to right: Jerry Lindauer from the UU Congregation of Germantown; Rebecca Curry from UU Congregation of Princeton, scribe; Alan Oliver, UU Congregation of Princeton

Additional background: <http://uubf.org/wp/>

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## Building Expansion Exploratory Committee - Capital Improvement Project News

—Dianne Moreau

The Building Expansion Exploratory Committee (BEEC) has made great progress on the Capital Improvement project this past month. The UUCA staff has been extremely flexible; continuing to run the church with constant input from BEEC members, contractors, and changing schedules. We are grateful to them.

So, what is the latest progress?

- completion of ceiling grid painting & tile replacement on the lower level
- replacement and/or cleaning of all light covers
- continuation of wall repairs, prep and painting by Chesapeake Painting Company
- selection of an elevator & installation contractor and application for the elevator permit
- acceptance of the flooring contract for the entire downstairs and front stairwell treading to be installed in September
- completion of radiator removal by Jan Sprinkel, Paul Jorgensen, Craig & Matthew Beyler
- finalizing the purchase of chairs, tables, office furniture for Susan Eckert, Rev. Fred, and Rev. John; as well as furniture for the library and two chairs for the Young room



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## MUSIC NOTES

**UUCA Musical Staff:**  
*Betsy Kraning, Music Director*  
*Peter Jacobson, UUCA Choir Director*  
*Sara Jones, UUCA Choir Accompanist*  
*Joshua Long, Contemporary Music Director*

What is the role of music in church? Can a church do without music? What would silent services feel like? Do we need professional musicians to provide that music? Can we cut corners in the budget by cutting back on money spent on music? What's the difference between a musical performance outside the church setting and in church? These questions could all potentially lead to lively discussions...

Betsy Jo Angebrandt, a former long time music minister at UUCA, established a strong tradition of dedication to church and music at UUCA. In the year 2015-16 we carry on those traditions and continue to offer musical opportunities to the church community. As music director, I see music as a thread weaving throughout the life of the church, connecting us as we work and grow together. Music is a great community builder and through participation in music performance we learn about ourselves and each other. I don't see music as a frill. I see it as an essential part of church. I see beauty in all styles of music and the act of opening our hearts and ears to different sounds, in itself, I see as a spiritual practice, which can lead to increased awareness and acceptance of differences. My goal as a teacher for 40 years was to bring music to as many people as possible and to involve as many students as possible. So is my goal here at UUCA. Last year with all our music groups we had almost 100 people participating in performing music. There's a place for everyone in this beloved community of musicians. Come join us this year!!

**UUCA Choir**, led by Peter Jacobson, meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM and sing twice a month. **Spirit Singers**, with Betsy Kraning & Josh Long, rehearse once a month and sing 5 Sundays/year. **UUCA Orchestra & Band** will rehearse during Middle Hour in November to play for Stone Soup and Veteran's Day.

**Middle Hour musical topics** will happen once/month.

The **Drum Circle** meets twice a month in the evening; and sometimes performs for summer services.

Please join us as we make music this year. You are welcome, and I feel confident that you will meet people, be involved in our community, and have fun!

Best wishes to all for a great 2015-16 church year!

*Betsy Kraning,*  
 Music Director

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- and a computer standing desk piece for both Susan and Rev. Christina
- acceptance of contract for drywall work in the existing copy room and the sanctuary (around the geothermal work)
- installation of new "self-healing" Tac-Wall bulletin boards in all the classrooms

The remainder of the painting will be completed after the elevator installation which begins September 8. During this part of the project, there will be disruptions to the upper and lower corridors. We ask for your flexibility as we make necessary adjustments to the "corridor flow" and bathroom usage during this time. The final flooring work will be completed after the elevator installation.

One or more BEEC members have been at church each working day this summer. We are very excited about the progress we are making and we are very grateful for the support of all UUCA members.

Contact [BEEC@uuannapolis.org](mailto:BEEC@uuannapolis.org) with questions or for more information.



## ONGOING EVENTS

**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 RE sanctuary. 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. Meet-the-Artist receptions held as announced on Sunday mornings. 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 the first Saturday of the month 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 Homorodalmás (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 periodically for worship services. Rehearsal held once a month on Friday evenings. 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. Discussion moderated 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; [wgeimer@gmail.com](mailto:wgeimer@gmail.com).

**UUCA Choir:** meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM early September through May. New members are welcome. Contact Jan Sprinkel; [jansprink@verizon.net](mailto:jansprink@verizon.net).

**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 and the fourth Tuesday in the sanctuary. 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 first and third Monday of the month; 6:00 PM potluck & 7:00 PM discussion; in the narthex. 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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