



HIGHLIGHTS

To create the Beloved Community by inspiring and empowering all souls to live bold and compassionate lives.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis

Creative Change

By Rev. Kathleen Rolenz



May's monthly Soul Matters theme is "Creativity," - another rich topic for our exploration. One of the ways in which we develop our creative muscles is by learning to adapt to

change. This year, UUCA will experience two staff changes. At the end of May, Elise Berrocal will be leaving as the Acting Director of Religious Exploration; and at the end of August, Betsy Kraning is leaving her position as UUCA's Music Director. Both Betsy and Elise describe their reasons for their departure in their columns, but both expect to return to "civilian" life as non-staff members at UUCA. I have so enjoyed working with both Betsy and Elise and will miss them as part of the staff. At the same time, I'm glad they'll be able to enjoy their church in a way that is impossible to do when serving on staff.

You'll also be reading about another change in Susan Eckert's article, regarding her Sunday morning presence. Although all of this may seem to come about suddenly, the truth is, that some of these transitions have been in the minds of staff members for some time. Making a life change is most often not an immediate decision, but one that happens slowly and thoughtfully. Sometimes it's difficult to know what to do or when to make a change. I admire and respect both Elise and Betsy in discerning what their life needs right now and having the courage to make that creative change.

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We Are Our Relationships!

By Rev. John Crestwell Jr.



"A covenant is not a definition of a relationship; it is the framework for our relating"

- Rev. Lisa Ward

As Unitarian Universalists, we are not known for having a dogma or a creed or affirmations of faith or even sacraments. That's not our gift to religion; not what we are known for. We

are the relationship people, known for "drawing the circle wider" through the development of our personal and public relationships. Our work centers, as my friend and colleague Rev. Ward put it, on how to frame models for how to communicate effectively. This, for me, is our highest calling as UUs. Also, we holy and wholly agree



that creating beloved community is our common task. Beloved Community we imagine is a time when people live in harmony—respecting differences and embracing inclusion. Actually BC (beloved community) occurs every time we live into this reality of right-relationship. Therefore, it is not just a hoped for vision but a realized manifestation each moment and day.... And we experience this bliss (spiritually speaking) when we master how we relate and communicate with each other; when we get comfortable with discomfort and live into the full-

ness of our covenant of love and inclusion.

We will "fall short of the glory"—that is we will let each other down from time to time but we come back again in faith, hope and love. As it is written, "though you've broken your vow a thousand times—come, come whoever you are". Come back to the community that loves you and offers you support.

In keeping with my theme of right-relationship, one of

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Sunday Services at UUCA

9:00 AM and 11:15 AM

May 6, 2018

A Celebration of U.U. Principles through the Arts

While there is much diversity of beliefs among Unitarian Universalist congregations, we affirm and promote a common set of principles. Join us for an arts-infused celebration of our principles, with musical contributions by Max Ochs and friends, the UUCA Choir, Spirit Singers, and Awake Singers and Band. Rev. Kathleen Rolenz and Rev. John Crestwell will offer spoken reflections.

May 13, 2018—A Multigenerational Sunday & Flower Ceremony

Mum’s the Word! with Rev. Kathleen C. Rolenz

Mum’s the word is British slang for “keeping quiet.” Today, however, we’re not keeping quiet about the role that our Mums (or moms) play in our lives. Today’s multigenerational service will celebrate Mother’s Day and will include the Annual Flower Ceremony. **Be sure to bring a flower to church this Sunday as part of the Flower Sharing Ritual. Children will remain in the service the entire time.**

May 20, 2018

Law of Surrender with Rev. John Crestwell, Jr.

Surrendering is seen as cowardice by many but it actually is very courageous and is one of the hardest things in life to do. We hold on--sometimes too long--and in the process lose the very thing we wanted so badly. Using strategies from Dr. David Hawkins, Rev. John will help us with one of the hardest lessons of all--letting go. Music by the UUCA Choir.

May 27, 2018—Remember: One Service Begins this Sunday at 10:00 AM

SSECCUS

Rev. John Crestwell, Jr.

Is this title creative? I hope so... it's success spelled backward. Today we will examine some new principles of success that may be opposite to what you may have considered success to be. Music by Josh Long, Betsy Kraning and others.

May Middle Hour at 10:10 AM—11:10 AM

LIBRARY	SANCTUARY	MacLEAN ROOM	R.E. SANCTUARY	FAHS HOUSE—REEB ROOM
<u>May 6</u> Inquirers 7 Pastoral Care & Small Groups	<u>May 6</u> Hand Bell Choir	<u>May 6</u> Inclusion Principle Thornell Jones & Alethea Shiplett	<u>May 6</u> Meeting with RE Parents— Rev. Kathleen Rolenz	<u>May 6</u> May Stewardship Group Rev. John Crestwell
<u>May 13</u> Inquirers 8 Membership 101	<u>May 13</u> IAF Listening Session Linda Mundy	<u>May 13</u> Worship Design Workshop Len Langrick & Rev. Kathleen Rolenz	<u>May 13</u> Intersectionality of UUCA, relationship of all groups, theologies and practices in UUCA and where we intercept Don Patterson	<u>May 13</u>
<u>May 20</u> New Member Ceremony	<u>May 20</u> Sufi Music Meditation	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 20</u> Our Relational Faith Alethea Shiplett	<u>May 20</u>
<u>May 27</u> Inquirers 1— Q & A Rev. Kathleen Rolenz	<u>May 27</u> No Middle Hour	<u>May 27</u> No Middle hour	<u>May 27</u> No Middle Hour	<u>May 27</u> No Middle Hour

Religious Exploration

Elise Berrocal, Acting Director of Religious Exploration

My dearest RE Families and Friends – it is with a heavy heart that I share with you the news that this May will be my final month as a staff member of the UUCA. This news comes after my nearly five-year tenure with the church – first as your Children’s Ministry Coordinator, overseeing your children’s RE classes and executing your seasonal event programming, including leading our beloved Camp Beagle; and most recently as your acting Director of RE (DRE), administering the church’s full RE portfolio on a part-time schedule over the past year.



also begin volunteer recruitment and curricula planning for the upcoming 2018-19 church year, which is slated to kick off this September under the management of your incoming DRE. The new full-time DRE is planned to be hired by August 2018 upon completion of a formal search process conducted by the newly assembled DRE search committee led by Rev. Kathleen.

Although I originally expressed interest in this full-time role, as a mother of two with specific salary requirements that would allow me to place my children in full-time care, I was not able to pursue the position further.

Despite this, please know it has truly been my pleasure to serve you in these varied capacities over the past five years. Through our time together, I have gotten to know and care for each and every one of you. I have

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Membership Matters

Joshua Long, Membership & Growth Coordinator

What Seeds are You Planting?

Being a musician, I’m constantly being approached by people for various reasons, following a performance. Conversations starting with statements like “I wish I had a talent” or “I don’t have a creative bone in my body” are all too familiar to me leaving me to wonder if those statements are true. Are some people born with a creative nerve or is there something inherently creative about humanity? I think creativity is in all of us and around all of us. As children we are naturally creative but somehow growing older causes us to forget what it means to imagine. We are constantly using our creative nerve, in all aspects of our lives, such as when working, when playing with children, and when laughing with friends. Life itself is creativity.

What seeds of creativity are we planting at UUCA? This month, as we embrace spring and anticipate the summer, let’s creatively create a place of radical hospitality, for the many people (visitors, church seekers, wanderers) who will be coming and going through the doors of UUCA.



By cultivating an environment where we reach out to our visitors and welcome them into our community, our beloved community will grow by leaps and bounds.

Here is what’s happening in the world of Membership and Growth:

Annapolis 2.0 group is now running!

We are still looking for members for Severna Park, Eastern Shore, and Broadneck.

Young Adult Group: If you are between the ages of 18-35 then please join the young adult group.

If you're interested in joining the Annapolis 2.0 or Young Adult Group please send me an email jlong@uuannapolis.org.

Lastly, I thank everyone who attended the Beyond Inquirers Series over the past few months. I’m receiving positive feedback regarding this Faith Forward Curriculum, therefore I’m planning to teach it again in the fall.

Upcoming Dates:

- **Membership 101: May 13**
- **New Member’s Ceremony: May 20**
- **First Year New Members Social: TBD (June or July)**

Review of Annual Meeting and Looking Ahead

An Update from the UUCA Board of Trustees President, Heather Millar

What an incredible Congregational Meeting we had on April 8th! Thanks to all who contributed their talents and time to prepare for this meeting, especially those on the Nominating Committee, 8th Principle Task Force, Governance Team, Finance Committee, Endowment Board, Congregational Meetings Committee, Board of Trustees, Administrative Team and our Co-Moderators. Congratulations to our 2018 Shinning Lights: Ted Hall, Thornell Jones, Sean Woolums and Karen Murphy-Keddell. With a sense of loss and great appreciation for their service, we recognized the four members of our Board of Trustees who are leaving the Board: Linda Rhoads after 5½ years, Ken Apfel, Maury Marks and Gina Williams each with 3 years of service.

Maury Marks, Financial Officer, reported a mostly positive financial picture. We had a \$27K surplus at the end of 2017. The money is being allocated according to priorities raised during and since the December 2017 Congregational Meeting: UUA Fair Share Dues, Director of Religious Exploration and Intern Minister. Actual pledge income for January and February was \$92K, \$20K more than expected. However, our expenses for these two months exceeded our income by \$1290.

In reports from Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, Rev. John Crestwell, Evelyn Spurgin from the Governance Team and Jackie Heimbuch from the Endowment Board we

heard about where we have been and plans for our future. Diane Moreau presented background about the 8th Principle. A highlight of the meeting was when the congregation voted overwhelmingly to approve the 8th Principle Resolution with only one vote against. Rob Malone, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the candidates for Board of Trustees, Co-Moderators and Nominating Committee and all were approved.

Looking Ahead: Rev. Kathleen is helping us fulfill the initial interim tasks of examining our history, clarifying our identity and developing new leadership. The Governance Team is working with the Board to identify the best form of governance for our congregation and helping revise our documents to reflect this form and our commitment to “accountably dismantle racism and other forms of oppression in ourselves and our institutions.”

These are exciting times at UUCA. Please pay attention and join in where your talents and interests take you.

Note: The next Board meeting will be May 14 beginning at 6:45 PM in the library.

Heather Millar, President

Administrative Update Susan Eckert, Church Administrator

I hope you have had an opportunity (either in person or via email) to meet our Administrative Assistant, Maurita Williams-Bowie. She has a handle on the daily office routine and has been busy making improvements to the formatting of the order of service announcements, weekly *In the Know* template, and monthly *Highlights*. She has assumed responsibilities around scheduling of building use, which has allowed us to accept two additional weekly support group meetings and two one-time outside rentals that will generate building use income.

A new bookkeeper has been lined up to take over for Carrie Libowicz. Diane Bria-Wharton is a highly qualified CPA with experience in both the private and non-profit sectors. She and Carrie have been working together through the month of April to insure a smooth transition.

As we transition to summer worship, the church office will adjust its hours beginning the week of May 27, as follows: Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The office staff will have more time to handle the weekly workload and prepare for the upcoming Sunday. As a result, my Sunday office hours will be altered to 2nd and 4th Sundays, to provide 2 days off some weeks for rest and family time. Many have come to depend on assistance from a Sunday morning office person. It is my plan to help congregants become more independent the Sundays I’m away. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Based on first quarter financial reports, the picture

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Criminal Justice Task Force

Update on all those POSTCARDS we wrote to LEGISLATORS

By Candy Clark

Over the last few months people attending Sunday services wrote over 300 postcards to their legislators in Annapolis about criminal justice reform. Now the 2018 session is over: here are our updates:

We asked for **opposition** to SB 122 - The Governor's "Comprehensive Crime" bill - because it would have reintroduced numerous mandatory minimum sentences. In the end, only a single new mandatory sentence passed, the others were defeated and some positive bills included.

We asked **support** for **SB1137/HB0291 – Correctional Education** – it **PASSED**: Requires baseline vocational and educational information be recorded for each inmate, in order to support implementation of an educational plan before an inmate's release.

We helped **override the Governor's veto** of **SB543/Hb694 - Ban-the-Box** State college applications can no longer require an applicant to check the box for criminal history. Information can be required after acceptance to a school.

These are small but important steps forward in criminal justice reform.

THANKS so much to everyone for writing those postcards!

Our UUCA Criminal Justice Team (which overlaps with our UULM–MD Restorative Justice Task Force) will be back in the narthex next year with more postcards - Keep your writing hand in good shape!!!

If you'd like to learn more about these issues, ask us, and check out the MAJR website www.ma4jr.org If you'd like to JOIN US - we would love your help!

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Co-chairs - UUCA Criminal Justice Team



Rescheduling Debby Irving

We were sorry to have to cancel Debby Irving's visit to UUCA, scheduled for March 18th because of illness. The staff has contacted all those who pre-registered and have offered to either refund your registration fee, or apply it towards our next date with Debby Irving. We will let you know promptly when we are able to arrange for her to visit .

The Chesapeake Show at Gallery 333

Gallery 333 presents "The Chesapeake Show", opening this weekend and on exhibit from May 6th thru July 1. The glorious Chesapeake is the theme chosen by a group of local artists. Scenes and activities characterizing the Chesapeake will be featured in a variety of media including oils, acrylics, watercolor and hand cut paper. Celebrate the long awaited spring weather in our beautiful Bay area and don't miss the opening from 12:30-1:30 Sunday, May 6th.

Gallery 333 is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis at 333 Dubois Rd, Annapolis MD 21401. Gallery hours are from 9-3 Mondays through Thursdays and after services Sundays. Office phone is 410 266 8044

"House of Usher" Still Seeking Recruits

By Wendi Winters

The "House of Usher" is seeking new ushers for the upcoming 9 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. services. The number of times and hours you usher are up to you. Most ushers pick one Sunday a month and can be counted upon to handle that service throughout the year.

This is a light, easy way to meet many of your fellow UUs. Often, you are the first person to meet and greet a visitor if they have bypassed the greeters at the door - or you reinforce the positive impression the greeters have already given them. It's fun!

New ushers will be trained by seasoned ushers. There is also an "Ushering 101" manual (actually a couple sheets of paper) that's been drafted to aid you during your first couple service.

Yes! Youth ages 10 and up are welcome to join as Junior Ushers! One of our most active new ushers is an Annapolis High freshman (And, high school students DO get credit for service hours.). Junior Ushers work with two Adult Ushers when they volunteer for a service.

For more information or if you have any questions, get in touch with me at 410-562-4189 or WendiWinters1@gmail.com

Music Notes

By Betsy Kraning, Music Director



A Special Announcement from Betsy Kraning

"Music is a prayer twice said." Anonymous

For the past 6 years I've had the privilege of serving as the Music Director for UUCA. I've made the decision to step aside as of August 31st to let the new vision for music at UUCA "emerge" without me being in the lead. At the same time, I can emerge into a new chapter of my own life. I have so enjoyed being a part of life here at UUCA. We've had fun, demonstrated a model for building the beloved community, as well as made great music together. Musicians have come together and enjoyed diversity throughout our history. In fact, long before integration was put into a law, musicians were playing together and learning from each other's diverse styles. We have done a lot of good work at UUCA and had fun making music too.

Thank you to everyone who has participated with me in the music at church through singing in the choirs, playing in our UUCA Philharmonic Orchestra, playing in our jazz ensembles, singing in special ensembles, helping with special music events like Black Lives Matter Concerts, and to those of you who supported me and our musical efforts. My life is richer because of you. I am a church member and look forward to continuing in that role in the future.

"May you always keep a song in your heart, *Betsy Kraning*"

MUSIC SUNDAY: COME FOR THE SERVICE; COME BACK FOR THE CONCERT!

Sunday, May 6, 2018 9 & 11:15 am

On Sunday, May 6th, Len Langrick and the UUCA Choir, Betsy Kraning and Josh Long and the Spirit Singers, and the AWAKE musicians will all be part of the services. The music will be based on the UU Principles. Hope everyone will plan to join us for Music Sunday. This is all possible because of a very talented, hard working music staff at UUCA. Do you know everyone? Len Langrick, Choir Director; Sara Jones, Accompanist; Josh Long, Contemporary Music Director; and Betsy Kraning, Music Director. Looking forward to seeing you there! —Betsy Kraning

Arts in the Woods: Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

Sunday, May 6th, 3:00 PM

"Art and Soul of the Violin" Master violinist José Miguel Cueto gives a solo performance of the "Art and Soul of the Violin" as part of the Arts in the Woods music series. Renowned as a concert master, soloist, and chamber musician, Cueto is also a dedicated educator and will engage listeners in exploring the violin's capacity for tonal beauty. The program features works by Bach, Paganini, Ysaye, and Kreisler. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

MAD Camp at UUCA—August 6-10; Registration Open NOW !

M.A.D. (Music, Art, & Drama) CAMP is day camp for grades 3-8, (with assistant opportunities for grades 9+) who enjoy the arts. During the week, campers will experience music, art, and drama as they assemble the musical, *Pinocchio*. The week culminates with an evening performance! There's just no telling what kind of mischief this famous fictitious puppet will get into on his very first day of school. Will Pinocchio follow Geppetto's instructions to stop briefly at the bookshop on his way through the piazza, or will the sly Mr. Fox and a silly sidekick Cat convince Pinocchio to spend his two pence on a more interesting investment? **Camp fee is \$150 per camper. Space is limited. Need-based scholarship funds are available on a limited basis. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/MADCamp2018>.** For information please contact camp director, Len Langrick: llangrick@uuannapolis.org

May's Share the Plate

RE News (continued from page 3)



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NAACP

The **Share-the-Plate** recipient for May 2018 will be the Anne Arundel County NAACP, whose mission is to ensure the political, social, educational and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial/ethnic hatred and discrimination.

Founded on July 7, 1944, the Anne Arundel Branch of the NAACP is the oldest civil rights organization in Anne Arundel County. The fight for racial justice continues. The fight for equality has taken on a new face; however, the struggle continues. Let us move forward with determination and enthusiasm to eliminate injustice and equality for all people.

UUMAC Summer Institute - July 8-14, 2018

Come one. Come all. To the UU Mid-Atlantic Community to recharge and relax with UUs from New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and beyond. You'll spend a week on a beautiful university campus in southeast Pennsylvania. There are activities for all ages including worship every morning, a theme speaker, morning workshops, afternoon activities, and intergenerational fun stuff throughout the week. To learn more about our small-scale community and to register go to: uumac.org. Questions? Contact Ken Shilling at 301-801-8803.

much hope for your families and for the future of the UUCA's RE program. Rev. Kathleen is committed to working with you to evolve the program to its next level. With your involvement – by working in concert with the DRE search committee and subsequently your new DRE – I am assured you will achieve great heights. Please find confidence in this as well.

My charge to you in my departure is to continue to be open – open to change, but also open to the potential of new opportunities. This is the same guidance I am personally following as I embark on a summer at home with my children as well as in my search for new employment. Change is inevitable. It's what's required for us to continue to thrive personally and as part of a community. While it is not always comfortable, transition affords the chance to create anew. I implore you to take this transition period as your opportunity to envision and create a RE experience that will allow our children and youth to flourish into the next five years and beyond.

In addition to Rev. Kathleen, I leave you in good hands. Keely Longo will continue into the summer as your acting RE Assistant with the support of Nursery Attendant Doe Payne. Together, Keely and Doe will run child and nursery care as normal during Sunday morning services (yet there will be no formal RE classes from June through August). Paul Berry will also continue as Youth Coordinator, meeting with our Young Religious UUs group periodically over the summer and into the next church year. And lastly, prior to my leave, I will have fully on-boarded your new Admiral Nancy Kules so she may successfully take the helm and steer the ship of Camp Beagle this July. —*Elise*

MPG Continuation Ceremony

What Is A Continuation Ceremony?

Continuation can describe anniversaries of our separate physical form ("birthdays") or our Continuation only in other forms, such as accomplishments by those we have mentored or in the lives of our children. As Thich Nhat said. "No coming, no going; no after, no before."

Thurs. May 24, 7-8:30 PM in the sanctuary, the Mindfulness Practice Group holds its Annual Continuation Ceremony in the Zen Order of Interbeing, honoring especially those who Continued only in other forms since our 2017 ceremony. If you are particularly experiencing now the Continuation of someone who departed physical form long

ago, or if you wish to honor someone in physical form whose Continuation Day anniversary is about this time, we'll include that person too. This is an opportunity to encounter our Practice Book & to try out chanting & dedicating. You are invited to bring some artifact of the person whose Continuation you wish to acknowledge for sharing with the sangha in discussion.

Sun. May 27, 8:30-9:30 AM Sun. May 27, 8:30-9:30 AM in the Emerson Rm, Introduction to Mindfulness & Meditation offers a Dedication of the Merits of the Practice (a rare chance to encounter our Practice Book on a Sunday) & readings from the UU Military Ministry's *Bless All Who Serve*.

Creative Change (continued from page 1)

By Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

What does this mean for UUCA? As you'll read later on in this newsletter column, UUCA is in active search for a full-time DRE, to start August 1 or earlier, if possible. Betsy Kraning will continue to serve in her role as music director through the summer, giving us time to reflect on the music program and what staffing it needs to maintain musical excellence.

Last month in the sermon entitled "The Urge to Emerge," I showed a video clip of a seedling emerging from its husk. For a while it lay there dormant, and then, as it started to wake up from its inertia, it threw off its outer shell and started to grow. It is absolutely normal for staff transitions to happen during an interim time. The trick is remaining stable as a community and absorbing change as a healthy and natural part of life. So it is during the interim time, as new energy also begins to emerge and take root.

It's hard to believe that it's only been four months since arriving here on my first Sunday. So much has happened; so much has already begun! I continue to enjoy and appreciate UUCA and am excited about the fresh wave of energy and enthusiasm I feel coursing through the congregation. It's a good time to be at UUCA.

We Are Our Relationships (continued from page 1)

By Rev. John Crestwell Jr.

my primary roles, as one of your ministers, is pastoral care. I am available to chat or have coffee or lunch; to visit you in the hospital, or to come by your home. I pray with families, share family and individual coaching strategies, and sometimes just sit with you in your joy or sorrow. I value this part of my ministry very much and hope you will keep reaching out when in need or even when you want to share an important story in your life. This month's theme is creativity and it is my hope that we will continue to open our spirits, hearts, and minds toward each person's unique perspective and story on our road to right-relationship and Beloved Community.

Blessings, Rev. John

Administrative Update (continued from page 4)

By Susan Eckert

looks good, with revenues exceeding expenses by \$16k. This is typical for first quarter, as some of our biggest donors in the January, February and March stewardship groups pay their pledge in full at the beginning of the year; expenses are also in check. Pledge levels at the end of March were improved over February, but still about \$15k behind our target goal of \$540k. ***When you receive your pledge form, please complete and return it promptly.***

One of the most important ways we keep expenses down is with the dedicated support of volunteers. Each of us has varying amounts of time and energy to give and whatever that is – please know it is vital to the health and success of the congregation. I'd like to give a special shout-out to Charlie Gross, who wears several volunteer hats at UUCA: Co-collector (a responsibility he shares with Patti Patterson), Finance Committee member, Stewardship Captain, and office assistant/handyman. I am extremely grateful for all that he does, but in particular his weekly help in the church office and around the buildings and grounds – Thank you, Charlie!

RE parents invited to Middle Hour

On **Sunday, May 6th** I'm inviting all parents and those involved with the Religious Exploration Program to a conversation with me about plans for the future of Religious Exploration at UUCA. This is an opportunity to hear your thoughts, dreams, concerns and hopes for the next chapter of Religious Exploration at UUCA.

As Rev. John said in his column "We are our relationships." I believe that the best way to move forward is to get to know one another, to hear from one another and to build a relationship between what happens in the sanctuary and what happens in RE classrooms with parents, teachers, volunteers, children and youth. UUCA has a reputation for having a healthy and successful RE program. Let's build on that success for the future! Looking forward to talking with you on May 6th, 10:10 am during Middle Hour in the RE Sanctuary.
Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, Interim Senior Minister, UUCA.

Other Events & Activities

Events & Happenings at UUCA

African Diaspora Identity Group: A relational group of adults that meet monthly to share experiences, perspectives, and challenges particular to individuals of African descent. New-comers welcome. Contact: LE Gomez; le_for3@yahoo.com.

Amnesty International: The Annapolis Chapter of Amnesty International meets on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Reeb 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.

Coming to the Table: meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Dissolving racism with understanding through conversation. Contact: Jane Carrigan; jane-carrigan54@gmail.com.

Fiber Arts Fellowship: needle crafters who meet on the second Thursday and fourth Sunday in the Young room. [Summer sessions vary] Contact: Ginger Parsons; ginparsons@aol.com

Full Circle: meets monthly at 7:30 PM on the Friday night closest to the full moon. An experiential earth-based celebration open to all women over age 18. Contact **Keely Longo;** kelongo705346@gmail.com.

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.

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.

"Inquirers" Series - Classes for Newcomers: A program to educate and integrate newcomers and to serve as a refresher for long-timers. The series is eight (8) one-hour classes led by ministers, staff and church members during Middle Hour or after church service in the summer months. Contact: Josh Long; jlong@uuannapolis.org

Light House Shelter Meals: UUCA members and friends prepare and serve dinner to shelter residents on the second Saturday of the month. If you are interested in helping with meals for the Shelter, contact Rob Malone; rmalone68@gmail.com.

Mindfulness 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 Fifties +: A social group for seniors, that meets periodically for dinners, game nights, and other outings. Potluck held the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM. Contact Claire Morgen at cfriday@aol.com.

Outdoor Club: Holds monthly outdoor activities and outings for nature observation, companionship, spiritual sharing, and exercise. Activities as announced. Contact: Eloise Hoyt; eloisehoyt@verizon.net

Rainbow Co-op: a cooperative, Montessori-based program for young children that teaches the 7 "Rainbow Principles" of the UU faith. Meets Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, 9:30-Noon. Contact: Alethea Shiplett; feymeadowsfarm@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 Lunch Bunch: Meets weekly mid-September through May in the narthex. Bring your lunch to eat during the half-hour social time, watch episodes of *CBS Religion & Culture News* as well as local & UU material suggested by the lunchers. Discussion follows. Contact: Bob Ertman; robertertman@msn.com.

UUCA Choir: with director Len Langrick; rehearses September-May every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Provides relevant music twice a month for Sunday services. New members always welcome. Contact: Len Langrick; llangrick@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 and fourth Tuesday in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM. Contact Chris Larragoite; molson2002@verizon.net

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.

UU Humanists: Naturalism-Science-Reason-Wonder-Compassion-Community-Respect. Book discussions and film viewings as announced. Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month; 6:00 PM potluck and 7:00 PM discussion; in the narthex and the second and fourth Sunday at 12:15 PM in the Emerson room. Contact Cliff Andrew at 410-404-7170 or neurol@jhmi.edu.

UU Theists: A group of people interested in a UU perspective of theism. Meets the second Sunday of the month before the first service. Contact: John Fischer; jwlfischer@gmail.com.



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