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

This and That...

By Rev. Kathleen Rolenz



Sumer Services. Although the pace in the summer is a bit slower, the staff continues on! I'm excited about the line-up of summer services, presented by our own Worship Leaders Team. This Spring I offered a tutorial on sermon-writing and crafting the service, and the worship leaders have taken up the

challenge of writing and delivering their own sermon. I believe that being able to hear from your fellow church members is one of the great gifts of the free church - that the pulpit is not reserved only for ordained clergy.

Summer Schedules. Rev. John and I are "spelling" each other for vacation time. I am taking three weeks in July and one week in August off for vacation; and Rev. John will be the minister in residence. Then, he will be taking the entire month of August off for vacation, and unavailable for ministerial duties during that month. I'll be the minister on site. Our new ministerial intern, Leika Lewis-Cornwell

begins August 6th, and will move into the Fahs house the week of August 1st.

New Website. I've just contracted with a web-designer to assist us with the development of a new website. Here's the big question for you - what's important for you to access on the website? Here are some suggestions I've heard already:

- Create a space for us to register for events
- Create a place where we (church members) can volunteer
- Create an easy-pay link for pledges
- Don't bury the Sunday service information deep into the website!
- Make the board minutes easily accessible
- Update pictures of our church and its people
- Create a link to a directory that includes pictures of members.

"Ask and It Will Be Given"

By Rev. John Crestwell Jr.



We asked, you (and our Association) answered. Big thanks to you for supporting the Central East Region's (CERG) Chalice Lighters Program on June 17. We received pledges from 27 members who committed to give \$20 or more three times a year to benefit CERG. That brings UUCA's total number of CERG Chalice Lighters to 87—wow!

Your generosity is making it possible for UU congregations across our region to purchase land for new buildings and build new spaces for their people. Your gifts are

also providing the seed money required to invest in growing and nurturing both new and established Unitarian Universalists. Thank you so much.

As I wrote last month, we have been blessed by so many UU grants over the years. When thinking about the thousands of dollars invested in us over time, allowing our ministry to flourish, it gives you pause. The Chalice Light-

er grant is currently giving us \$20,000 over three years in the fall, and just this week, the UU Funding Panel awarded us an \$8,000 grant plus a \$7,000 challenge grant (based on increased pledges). We are receiving this money to support our internal membership and growth as a church (physical and spiritual). Clarifying, to get the full \$15,000 this church calendar year, UUCA members and friends will need to increase their pledges by \$7,000 no later than December 2018. We will do this, no worries, because we are a generous people believing in the value and message of our faith.

I am happy to say that financial generosity flows at UU-CA, even during the summer. A total of \$35,000 in grants (\$22,000 for this year and \$13,000 over the next two years) has been given/pledged to us.

Giving is contagious. It has a reciprocal effect. We sing every Sunday: "From you I receive, to you I give, together we share and from this we live." Reciprocity has power. When paying something forward a rippling effect is created, benefitting the greater body.

Sunday Services at UUCA @ 10:00 AM

July 1, 2018

Love Actually: Reconciliation Between Siblings with Jane Carrigan

Music by Joshua Long

July 8, 2018

The Sacred Art of Joy with Leika Lewis-Cornwell

This interactive service will draw from multiple sources and traditions to examine the "golden rule" and what we can learn from each other about embracing the joy in life. Music by Joshua Long & UUCA Band

July 15. 2018

God's Creativity and Ours - A Likeness with Rev. David Carl Olson

Two hundred years ago, William Ellery Channing preached an ordination sermon that asked the hearer to embrace new ways of understanding God. The minister of the Baltimore congregation today sees the Good, Beautiful, and True revealed in our lives is a way by which we reveal divinity. Music by Betsy Kraning.

July 22, 2018

If a Tree Speaks in the Woods with Lisa Fleeharty

Current science is discovering that trees and other organisms can and do communicate with each other. Join Lisa Fleeharty to explore how this informs our understanding of our seventh principle and its connection to the first (and eighth!) Music by Betsy Kraning.

July 29. 2018

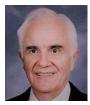
Don't Look Away with Bob Ertman

Music by Betsy Kraning

July Inquirers Classes

July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Inquirers 6 & 7 Social Action & Justice	Inquirers 2 Principles & Sources	Inquirers 8 Membership 101	New Members Ceremony	Inquirers 1 Minister Q & A
Pastoral Care & Small Groups	•		,	

Remembering Dick Wilder



It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to church member, Dick Wilder, following an extended illness. Dick passed away on June 10 at Collington, where he and his wife, Martha, lived for the past 7 years. Dick was an active UUCA member for over

30 years. He may be best remembered for providing sound booth support for Sunday services and church events. He also made the blue engraved name badges that many of our longer term members still wear today. At this time, there are no plans for a public memorial service. Our thoughts and prayers are with Martha and the family and friends of the Wilders.

Memorial Service for Diane Goforth

A Memorial Service for Diane Goforth will be held at UUCA on Saturday July 28th at 12 PM.



Center of Help Opens Youth Center

By Anita Ramundo, UUCA Sanctuary Committee Member

Have you heard of the recent opening of the Maria de la Paz Youth Center? This collaborative initiative started by the Center of Help, in conjunction with the City of Annapolis, Annapolis Police Department, Arundel Lodge, Compass Rose Theater and AAC Public Schools, is designed to create a safe space for immigrant youth 13-17 years old to receive supportive service and assist them with personal traumas and educational advancement. The program addresses migration stress, discrimination, gang pressures, acculturation and documentation status. Activities are designed to make them feel safe, emotionally stable and engaged.

The weekday program runs from 3-9 PM. The Center's new Director (Sean Schneider) is seeking adult volunteer applicants to assist the staff members hired to implement the programs and activities. Please consider offering your time and talents to the Maria de la Paz Youth Center, helping to Build the Beloved Community. Call 410 295 3434 for details.

Membership Matters by Joshua Long, Membership & Growth Coordinator



C ummertime is the best time to **J** break routines and dive into fun experiences like traveling & vacationing. Kids go to summer camps or enjoy long visits with distant relatives. We dedicate this time to our loved ones while preparing for fall.

It is also a time of exploration. People find summer is a great time to

visit other churches or institutions. UUCA is no different. We receive several visitors from June - September. This is why the Inquirers Classes run throughout the summer while the rest of Middle Hour takes a break. We want to make sure our newcomers are given priority because we all know that it takes a lot of courage to walk into a place where a familiar face cannot be found.

Summer is also a great time to reflect on the upcoming school/church/work year. As a transitioning community, what are we seeking? Something to think about while relaxing by the pool. Enjoy life to the fullest and engage with any new faces that you may see on Sunday.

Peace and Blessings. - Josh

What's Happening in July:

New Members Social: July 1, Young Room 11:15 AM If you have joined the church in the past year, please come and enjoy this chance to meet other newbies and talk about your firstyear experience as a Unitarian Universalist at UUCA.

Contact: Ellen Gaston / ekgaston@sbcglobal.net

Inquirers Dates

Membership 101: July 15, Library 11:15 AM

New Members Ceremony: July 22, during 10 AM Service & 11:15 AM after service.

→ Small Group Ministry: Go spiritually deeper with your neighbors. Active Groups (always an open chair for newcomers):

Arnold, Annapolis, East Annapolis, North County, South County, Bowie/Crofton.

New Groups (forming in September):

West Annapolis, Parole/Crownsville, Severna Park, Eastern Shore, Broadneck/Cape St.Claire.

Affinity Groups: Young Adult, Women in Transition Groups are taking off for July and August.

Please email me at jlong@uuannapolis.org if you are interested in joining or starting a group in September.

Music and the Arts

Arts in the Woods: Brian Ganz, David Hildebrand **Concert July 1** by Paula Degen

UUCA's favorite classical pianist Brian Ganz returns to the Arts in the Woods music series on Sunday,

July 1, at 3:00 p.m., teaming with Annapolis-based music historian David Hildebrand to present a program they call "Hearing and Seeing, Music and Art." This will be a lively interplay of instrumental music, discussion, song, and fine art to demonstrate connections between classic music and art.



Both artists are on the faculty of the

Peabody Conservatory, and they have collaborated on programs at the National Gallery of Art and elsewhere including a performance in the first year of our UUCA concert series in 2014. The new program they have created for July 1 features Spanish influences, a tribute to Claude Debussy on the 100th anniversary of his death, and other themes.

The concert series that Brian Ganz inspired five years ago has prided itself on being "Unique fusions of music and the arts in an atmosphere of unparalleled intimacy and creativity." There will be no better example of that fusion of music and the arts than the program that Brian Ganz and David Hildebrand will present on July 1. Tickets are only \$15, and youth 16 and under are admitted free. We hope to see you there.

We the People by Darrel Nash

What do we mean by "we the people?" Who are the people? Who claims authority to speak for the people? How seriously do we take the words of our grand proclamations in the Declaration of Independence, the preamble to the US Constitution, the Gettysburg Address, and the Pledge of Allegiance? These are the questions that I pursue in my recently published book, "A Perspective on How Our Government Was Built And Some Needed Changes." I found a large mixture of conflicting answers by exploring the founding documents and later initiatives to build our democratic republic. This struggle continues.

This book is available in the UUCA bookstore. All proceeds go to the church. I hope you will read and study it and then write a review.



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UUCA Board of Trustees

By Kari Alperovitz-Bichell, Finance Officer

Earlier this year, UUCA received notice of a gift to the church from Darrell Abernethy, who was a devoted member of UUCA, and who died on November 18, 2017. Many knew Darrell as a person who loved classical music, and jazz, and was a passionate advocate for racial justice. We were so very touched to have received an unrestricted gift of \$103K, the funds of which were recently released to the church.

The UUCA Board of Trustees adopted a Gifts Acceptance Policy earlier this year, and have followed that policy in determining what to do with Darrell's very generous gift. We wanted to share the process by which we made the decisions about how, when, and where to use these funds. Unrestricted gifts and bequests present a one-time opportunity for the congregation to use the funds to benefit the church and the wider world. This has been a several month process involving the Admin Team, the Finance Committee and the Board, which involved considering the donor's interests and some of the current church needs.

Because we cannot count on gifts of this size on a regular basis, none of the funds could be used for upgrades in salary or staffing. After receiving the funds, \$5K was immediately put into the Endowment Fund. The Finance Committee then deliberated at length on a proposal from the Admin Team about needed and necessary infrastructure upgrades. Our church's phone system is almost 20 years old; all the office equipment is outdated. The church's website is in dire need of an overhaul, so that it is navigable, informative and welcoming - especially to newcomers

About the Building

By Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, Interim Sr. Minister

Best practices for Building Use. On Sunday, June 3, Officer Jim Shiloh led some 40+ members in an all-church safety training. We learned about how to best protect ourselves should a disruptive or dangerous situation occur. Prior to that training, Officer Shiloh did a walk-through the building to assess for security and safety. On the whole, he found the building secure, except for one habit we have: propping open doors. During our walk through he saw that someone had propped open the doors downstairs, allowing for easy access to the Rainbow Co-Op and Language school. He noticed the pile of bricks that are near doors, presumably used as props to keep doors open. As a result, the bricks have been removed.

During the safety training I noticed that the door to the sanctuary had been propped open and had been left that way for the two hours we were in training. Not only does that allow for air-conditioning to leave the building and small animals to come in, it provides easy and unsupervised access into the building.

The church building is, of course, owned by the people who invest in it via their pledges, and managed by the staff. We want you to have access to your building while at the same time, protecting it, the children in our care and being good stewards of our financial resources. If there is a way that we can make your access to the building easier, while being mindful of safety and security, please let us know.

Thanks! Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, Interim Senior Minister

Administrative Update By Susan Eckert, Church Administrator

As Rev. Kathleen indicates, this time of year may feel slower-paced around the church. But make no mistake, there is still plenty going on – Camp Beagle and M.A.D. (Music, Arts & Drama) Camp, Arts in the Woods concerts, the BBC 8th Principle Practice Series, to name a few. Administratively, it never really slows down. Bills have to be paid, facilities maintained and there's a year-round stewardship campaign to support. New website development, updating outmoded IT systems, replacing stained, worn Sanctuary and Narthex carpet, onboarding of a new Director of Religious Exploration and Ministerial Intern are on the agenda in the coming months and will take additional time and resources to coordinate. Exciting and challenging work to be sure.

From a financial perspective, the month of May ended with revenues exceeding expenses by \$10k year-to-date. This surplus results primarily from summer camp registration fees received, and for which many expenses have yet to be paid. The overall level of pledges on the books took a slight dip to \$538k in May. If you have been asked to make a pledge this year and have not yet done so, please send in that pledge form! Remember, the very generous gift from Darrell Abernethy will be used for special projects outlined in Finance Officer, Kari's article; not for general operating expenses. The church relies on your generous ongoing financial support to sustain daily operations.

My husband and I had the good fortune of taking a trip up the coast of Maine in early June. We noted that several towns we passed through had UU congregations. While we did not attend a Sunday service, we paid a visit to the First Parish UU Church of Kennebunk. This congregation dates to 1747 and resides in a church constructed in 1803, complete with a bell,

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Practicing the 8th Principle this Summer

By Linda Mundy

New BBC Middle Hour Series

The Building a Beloved Community (BCC) Committee is offering a series of Sunday sessions that will provide opportunities for members and our congregation to practice and live UUCA's resolution for support of adding an 8th principle that affirms and promotes journeying toward spiritual wholeness by building a diverse, multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions. Please join us as we continue on the path of dismantling racism in ourselves and our institutions.

This summer, the BBC will present the following sessions:

Session 2, July 15: Race & Ethnicity in our Society

Session 3, July 29: White Privilege & Unconscious Bias

Session 4, August 12: Historical Foundations of White Supremacy

Session 5, August 26: Racism

Sessions will be held in the UUCA Sanctuary from 11:30 AM-

12:30 PM. Please join us! Contact: Don Patterson.

Summer Reading

Prepare for racial justice educator/author Debbie Irving's visit at UUCA on September 23, from 2—5 PM by adding her book *Waking Up White* to your summer reading list.

Developing a Long Term Plan for Education Programming

Your input is needed! We are hoping to sponsor occasional evening events that will provide opportunities for UUCA to go deep and continue our anti-racism work. These events will include childcare. Please contact <u>Linda Mundy</u> with your ideas, feedback and or suggestion.

BBC's mission is to provide training and tools to promote the intercultural competence and racial literacy of UUCA members with the goal of increasing the ability of members to welcome, accept and value differences.

IAF Action on July 12.7-8:30 PM

"What We Heard & What We Will Do About It"

The Anne Arundel County IAF Sponsoring Committee will be holding an action at Asbury United Methodist Church, 87 West Street and you are invited. You will hear about results from our listening campaign (over 2,100 residents participated) and next steps. RSVP REQUIRED. Follow this link to reserve your seat: IAF ACTION: What We Heard & What We Will Do About It. Seats limited so sign up today.

Debbie Irving at UUCA

Racial Justice Educator/Author of Waking Up White"

RESCHEDULED

Sunday, September 23, 2-5:00 PM

(Previous tickets honored)

July Mindfulness

By Phyllis Culham

The Mindfulness Practice Group is offering two special Thursdays as follows:

- 1. June 28: Annual Report on the UU Buddhist Fellowship
- 2. July 5: Chanting American Documents
 - Preambles to the Declaration of Independence & the Constitution, Lincoln's Inaugural Speeches—what's their rhythm? How do they feel to us? Can we rediscover their spirit? Don't be self-conscious. We've never tried this either.

UU Humanists July Activities!

By Cliff Andrew

Sunday Potluck Brunch & Discussion

What: Discussion of current events and personal experiences as they reflect on our UU Humanist Principles, We begin planning for our summer-autumn new voter registration and mobilization.

When: 2nd and 4th Sundays July 8 and 22, 2018, immediately following service

Where: Fahs House - Emerson Room

Potluck Brunch begins at 11:30 AM (bring a light item to share) and Discussion.

Tuesday Potluck Dinner & Book Discussion

What: Book Discussion Nature's God - The Heretical Ori gins of the American Republic by Matthew Stewart "Drawing from the writings of Spinoza, Lucretius and other great philosophers Stewart brilliantly tracks the ancient, pagan and continental ideas from which America's revolutionaries drew their inspiration and recovers the true meaning of 'Nature's God' and 'the pursuit of happiness'."

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays July 3 and 17, 2018
6 PM Potluck Dinner (Bring an item to share)
6:30 PM Discussion

Where: Narthex

Our meetings are open to all and we welcome newcomers. This book is available for purchase in the UUCA Bookstore.

Contact: Cliff Andrew

July's Share the Plate Recipient

The July 2018 Share the Plate proceeds will be benefitting UUCA's Habitat for Humanity fund that will be used for a future home build.

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By Rev. John T. Crestwell, Jr.

• Don't get enamored with fancy scrolling graphics - just give me a simple, attractive, modern website that has the information I need/want easily accessible.

 Don't use teal for a background color (personally, I like teal! kcr)

Those are some pretty good marching orders! NOW is the time to provide input into the website. Once late July/ August comes we will be well under construction and cannot re-create the pages. Please send your comments to mwilliams@uuannapolis.org, put WEBSITE in the subject line. Maurita will collect these comments and forward them to me when I return from some General Assembly and vacation time away.

Looking Ahead. We are already planning ahead for the Fall and into Winter/Spring 2019. Do you know of an event that is happening or that you'd like to have happen? Please let us know. We are hoping to update the church's master calendar so that events don't collide and so we can properly schedule rooms and publicize church-sponsored events well in advance. Thank you!

In the event of an emergency. Although I'll be out of town, Rev. John will be on-site for emergencies during July. I will have access to my cell phone and email, but may not be checking them as obsessively as I usually do.

Hope you enjoy the summer services and look forward to seeing you in mid-July and August.

Keep that Chalice Flame Bright, Rev. Kathleen Rolenz One of my visions for this congregation is that we become even more philanthropic. Yes, we are currently giving thousands away each year, what if we were giving hundreds of thousands away each year to strengthen people, places and causes that support our progressive values inside and outside? We can do so much more because we are a people of privilege; people with big visions and big hearts!

Giving is love in action, and love is infectious. You just want to pass it on to the next person. The religious writer Kurt Kaiser published a song, "Pass it on" in 1969 saying this very thing. He wrote: "It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with [love] once you've experienced it. You want to share with every heart; you want to pass it on." Kaiser's simple but poignant final verse sums up living in generosity: "I wish for you my friends, this happiness that I've found. [The love that's deep within]; it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountaintop. I want the world to know. This light of love has come to me. I want to pass it on."

The light has come to us again and again. Let us give thanks for all that has been bestowed upon us. Again, thank you UUCA for your support of the CERG Chalice Lighters Program and for all you do to make our Beloved Community the place to be on a Sunday morning!

Love, Rev. John

UUCA Board of Trustees By Kari Alperovitz-Bichell

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hoping to learn more about our values and programs. The carpet in the sanctuary and narthex is 18 years old, badly stained, has it has lost its repelling capability, and requires continual cleaning. It needs replacing. After more consideration, the Finance Committee recommended to the Board that \$55K of the funds be designated for infrastructure repair and replacement. The remaining \$43K has been reserved for an Innovations Fund the purpose of which will be determined in a future fiscal year. Our plan is that use of this Innovations Fund will continue to reflect the donor's interests and will give special consideration for the 8th Principle. The Board passed the motion to accept this recommendation of the Finance Committee at the June 11th Board of Trustees meeting. With each of these deliberations, we were careful to ask and reflect upon "How is the 8th Principle involved and/or evoked in this decision?"

We will be consulting with members of the former Building Expansion Exploratory Committee (BEEC) to advise the staff on the selection of new carpet for the sanctuary and narthex, so that there is an aesthetic coordination between the upstairs and downstairs. (Contact Dianne Moreau at diannemarie1@comcast.net if you are interested in joining this group. A first meeting will be held the week of June 25th). Rev. Rolenz has signed a contract with a website designer and is planning for a website launch date of September 1st. Susan Eckert has solicited bids for the phone and computer upgrades. By Fall 2018, we hope to have many if not all of these improvements in place – ready for the new church year to begin.

The Finance Committee and the Board are grateful for the trust you have placed in us to make decisions concerning gifts and bequests to the church. We hope that this gift is not an anomaly, but the beginning of a trend – of members and friends remembering UUCA in their estate planning and while making end of life decisions. We honor and deeply appreciate the life and the legacy of Dr. Darrell Abernethy and are grateful for his gift to UUCA.

Kari Alperovitz – Bichell Finance Officer

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. Newcomers welcome. Contact: LE Gomez; <u>le for3@yahoo.com</u>.

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.

<u>Coming to the Table</u>: meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Dissolving racism with understanding through conversation. Contact: Jane Carrigan; <u>janecarrigan54@gmail.com</u>.

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

<u>Full Circle</u>: 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**; <u>kelongo705346@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Gallery at 333</u>: 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

<u>Light House Shelter Meals</u>: 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.

<u>Mindfulness Practice Group:</u> meets every Thursday in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for meditation and dharma discussion. Contact Phyllis Culham at mpg@uuannapolis.org.

<u>Nifty Fifties +:</u> 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.

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

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. Mid September—Mid May. Contact: Alethea Shiplett; feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com.

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.

<u>UUCA Choir:</u> 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; <u>llangrick@uuannapolis.org</u>

<u>UUCA Community Drum Circle</u>: 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

<u>UU Legislative Ministry of MD (UULM-MD)</u>: 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.

<u>UU Humanists:</u> 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 11:15 AM in the Emerson room. Contact Cliff Andrew at 410-404-7170 or neurol@jhmi.edu.

<u>UU Theists:</u> 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.

Administrative Update

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By Susan Eckert

clock tower and steeple - home to a 1,017-pound bell cast in Paul Revere's foundry! Still in regular use today, the bell strikes the hour and rings out the call to worship. On that day, professional and volunteer workers were working on a monthlong steeple repairs project. Walking through the parish hall, browsing bulletin boards and information displays, I took note of how this congregation serves its inward and outward communities in ways similar to UUCA. I marveled at the dedication of human and financial resources required to maintain this historic facility, and to make it accessible to people of all abilities. For more than 200 years those spaces have provided a holy physical place for spiritual connection. May UUCA continue to be a vibrant, welcoming faith community for the next 200 years and beyond!

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