

HIGHLIGHTS

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

A Year Of Possibilities

By Rev. Kathleen Rolenz



I don't make resolutions, but I do have a tradition of reading a poem on New Year's Day. This poem by W.S. Merwin is a meditation on and entitled, appropriately enough: **The New Year**.

"With what stillness at last you appear in the valley your first sunlight reaching down to touch the tips of

a few high leaves that do not stir as though they had not noticed and did not know you at all ; then the voice of a dove calls from far away in itself to the hush of the morning so this is the sound of you here and now whether or not anyone hears it this is where we have come with our age our knowledge such as it is and our hopes such as they are invisible before us untouched and still possible..."

The New Year always begins with possibility of that which has not yet occurred. We make resolutions (and quickly break them); we decide to make a new and better version of ourselves (and then maybe decide that our old version is not so bad!) My own resolutions have changed over the years. They used to be a thinly disguised attempt at self-improvement (be more fit, drink more water, stop swearing!) but now, I try to just focus on one thing a year.

Last year it was to introduce T-H-I-N-K to all my interactions, asking myself before I spoke "Is it True—is it Helpful—is it Inspiring—Is it Necessary—is it Kind? I didn't accomplish all of these perfectly, but it made me slow down, pause and consider not only the content of my words, but the tone and the possible impact.

Each new year brings with it new possibilities for spiritual growth, deeper commitments and a larger and more loving life. May you find these and much more, as we embark upon the future—and 2019—together. Blessings, Rev. Kathleen

Inclement Weather Policy

On Sundays, cancellations will be posted on our website [be sure popups are enabled in your browser] & available via phone recording at 410-266-8044. During the week, church office closings will be posted online & on the phone message. For other meetings, please contact the group leader as decisions are often made on an individual basis.

Everything Is Possible

By Rev. John T. Crestwell, Jr.



"There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about. Ask: 'What's possible?' not 'What's wrong?' Keep asking. Notice what you care about. Assume that many others share your dreams..."

Best-selling author and visionary leader, Margaret Wheatley, shared these wise words in her 2002 book *Turning to One*

Another. She has been a leader in promoting "sane leadership" in a time when leadership with integrity, compassion and generosity in America seems to be lacking like never before. With the end of another year, we find ourselves living in complex times where the values we hold dear are constantly challenged by those with authority who seem to be guided by tribe, power, and greed. However, a quick glance at history shows that this is not new. Integrity, compassion, generosity and love have always been at odds with the innate desire for self-preservation. Without a consistent and intentional spiritual practice that reminds us that we are more than our tribe, money or position, we all succumb to negative ways of thinking that sabotage our best stuff. How do we get back on track?



Possibility

Being a part of a community that reminds us of our higher aspirations is one way to stay aligned. You do that every time you come to UUCA. As stated, developing and maintaining a spiritual practice is equally important—yoga, meditation, prayer, reading a self-help book, listening to positive music, joining a small group ministry at UUCA, and more, are ways to get re-aligned with those high aforementioned values.

With the start of 2019, let's all resolve to be more resilient in our inner-spiritual work. As a community let's devote ourselves to asking what's possible and looking even more at what we care about. Let's not assume this country or world is falling to pieces, but rather reconditioned for greater renewal. Let's assume that there are many more who share our values than not. And let's spread our good message of love to whomever will listen. That is my hope and prayer for UUCA and for you in 2019. May it be so!

Love, Rev. John

Sunday Services at UUCA - Two Services 9 AM & 11:15 AM

January 6- *Possibly Not Just Yet* with Rev. Kathleen C. Rolenz

The beginning of the new year provides an opportunity to look back at the past and anticipate, imagine and make some assumptions about the future. Rev. Kathleen has now been with UUCA for exactly one year - what has she seen, what does she anticipate will happen in the year ahead, and what might we do right now to pave the way forward? Music by Sara Jones.

January 13 - *The Wheel of Life* with Rev. Kathleen Rolenz and Rev. John Crestwell

This annual service recognizes milestones in the life of the congregation, from births to deaths and everything in between. This service also features a child dedication, so if you would like to have your infant or child dedicated, please contact Rev. Kathleen Rolenz. We will also celebrate the 17-year career of Business Administrator, Susan Eckert, followed by a special brunch during Middle Hour to recognize her long and illustrious service to UUCA. Music by UUCA Choir.

January 20 - *Our Civil War* with Rev. John Crestwell

It is said that old wounds fester. Could it be that we are still fighting the Civil War in America? Is it possible that the Civil Rights Movement was a continuation of a quintessentially American story about tribe, race, resources, and power? How do we get off of this "samsara" wheel, and does history repeat until we reconcile our past sins? Music by UUCA Choir.

January 27 - *The Revolution Will Not Be Televised* with Leika Lewis-Cornwell, Intern Minister

What inspires us to imagine change and take action to bring our visions to life? How do we cope when bright and glorious possibilities turn into the day-to-day realities of the long haul? This service will explore the concept of meaning-making in the age of activism. Music by Josh Long and the UUCA Pop-Up Band.

The Legacy of Susan Eckert

By Dan Moreau

Susan Eckert steps down from her position as UUCA's Business Administrator on January 13, after 18 years of service. In 1992, Susan and her husband Fred came to Annapolis from California, where she worked as a bank compliance & community outreach officer. She joined UUCA in 1994, and by 2000, after serving on the Board of Trustees, became our first Member Services Coordinator. She became Business Administrator in 2010.

Her role as Business Administrator includes overseeing the building, church finances, staff, personnel, and many other duties too long to list here!

Those are the facts, but they fall far short of describing how important Susan's work is at UUCA.

Susan estimates that she's working an average of 50 hours a week, including Sundays. She's routinely seen doing everything from greeting new members to shoveling snow to resetting chairs in the sanctuary.

In a recent interview, Susan said she wants church members to understand how roles in the church will be fundamentally changing as a new Business Administrator, Church Maintenance Supervisor and eventually a new Minister learn the details of running UUCA. "We will need many more volunteers and more donations to make it all work," she said.

Susan explained that her years on staff at UUCA will always be special because of the harmony she found between her personal beliefs about the treatment of people and the church's beliefs and practices about the treatment of people.

"She is a person of immense integrity, authenticity and organization, who is the epitome of the word professional," said the Rev. John Crestwell, who has served at UUCA with Susan for more than a decade. "I loved working with Susan and will miss her honesty and attention to detail."

A search committee is soliciting candidates for Business Administrator, expecting to hire someone before January 13.



Celebrating the Legacy of Susan Eckert

By Dianne Moreau

The *Susan Eckert Celebration* Team is planning a gift of thanks and a celebratory brunch on Sunday, Jan. 13, between the 9 AM & 11:15 AM services. We would like to give Susan funds toward a *Weekend Escape* of her choice. Due to IRS rules, the funds cannot go through UUCA so the team is requesting that cash or checks be made out and given to Tricia Hopkins or Dianne Moreau by January 9. You may also place your donation in the wooden brown box labeled Susan's Gift in the Office.

Checks made out to UUCA will be returned.

On January 6 & 13, we will provide colorful cards for personal notes of thanks or memories for Susan. To volunteer for brunch food go to [Sign-Up Genius link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa5ad28ab9-susans): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aa5ad28ab9-susans>, and look for *Susan's Celebration*.

Team Members: Susan Decker, Christina Fiedler, Tracy Gill, Caroline Hadley, Tricia Hopkins, Dianne Moreau, Patti Patterson, Carly Sargent-Piel and Pat Ranney. Contact: [Dianne Moreau](#)

Gallery 333 Featured Artists

By Deb Boudra

Gallery 333 presents the photography of local artist Fran Stetina and the pottery of Tiffany Jones-Rouse January 6 - February 24, 2019. Tiffany offers clay pendants, bowls and other clever items for your gift giving or take home treasures. Abstract in nature, 34 images depicting Book 1 of Dante's *Inferno* comprise the body of work Fran Stetina shares. Fran has studied photography internationally and at the Corcoran School of Art. He enjoys the interplay of word and image and has created three other projects combining words and images over the years. Fran has won numerous awards in Maryland and sold work to the prestigious Merrill Chase Galleries in Chicago.

A *Meet the Artist* reception is taking place on January 13th from 12:30 to 1:30 PM in Gallery 333.

Impossible Adventures

By Leika Lewis-Cornwell, Intern Minister



I'm a sucker for a happy ending. Sure, I love a critically acclaimed book or movie as much as the next person, even though I know that "critically acclaimed" usually means "at least one really important person dies"! But fairy tales, sappy love songs, and the old commercials for telephone companies about calling your loved ones? Those get me every time. I've even been known to sneak a Hallmark Christmas movie or two. What can I say? I'm an inveterate optimist.

Yes, I know life requires more from us than the warm fuzzies of optimism, but I also know something else: people who really want to quit are usually pretty good at it. The opposite is also often true. For all their ridiculousness, consuming copious amounts of happy endings in my formative years, along with a heaping dose of grit and determination, taught me a thing or two about believing in the impossible. In one of those saccharine country songs I'm halfway ashamed to admit I know, Joe Nichols sings "... Unbendable steel bends, if the fury of the wind is unstoppable / I've learned to never underestimate the impossible."

I love seeing the number of children and their families who have come to UUCA in the last few years. Not because children are the future—or the present, although they are—but because children and young people have a special superpower: they don't know their limits. Sometimes that gets them into trouble, yes, but it also means they have a few things to teach us about seeing right through the other side of impossible, and imagining what can happen. As we charge into a January of Possibility, let's take a lesson from the children and from Lewis Carroll, and see how many impossible things we can believe before breakfast. There are a lot of adventures awaiting us if we do.

Membership Matters

By Joshua Long, Membership & Growth Coordinator



New Years brings new possibilities. Possibility requires imagination. How are we going to imagine the possibilities that lie inside and outside of the church walls? This month's theme (Possibility) is appropriate for UUCA, as we are a congregation in transition, coping with many changes, having a tendency to imagine stability in lieu of imagining possibility, however this month, our Soul Matters curriculum is calling us to imagine possibility. Imagine growing UUCA's membership, what are the possibilities? Imagine an increase in member participation, fellowship, and community involvement? Imagine showing our belief in the 8th Principle of inclusion instead of speaking about it, by embracing the possibility of sharing space with our younger more diverse generation. Newcomers imagine the possibility of making UUCA your spiritual home. New members, your possibilities are endless. January is our time to embrace Possibility, our time to dream, imagine and contemplate what is possible for UUCA.

Small Groups Offerings :

- Annapolis - 3rd Tuesday
- Quiet Waters - Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Arnold - 3rd Wednesdays from 6-8 PM
- Broadneck - 3rd Fridays from 5:30-8:30 PM
- Crownsville - 4/5th Mondays from 7-9 PM
- North County - 1st Wednesdays from 6:30-9 PM
- Severna Park - 2nd Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM (facilitator needed)
- South County - 4th Wednesdays from 7-9 PM

Dates to Remember:

- Next Membership 101 class is January 27
- February 3 is the new members Ceremony

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Josh

Religious Exploration

By Dayna Edwards, RE Consultant

During this time of *Possibility*, we (the RE staff team) are realizing that as a unified church, UUCA is uniquely situated to support our families in all shapes and sizes.

As a seminarian, completing a specialized Pastoral Care training program, I wondered, ***Is it possible for UUCA to offer Pastoral Care specifically to families with young children?*** After asking around a little bit, the possibilities appeared, one in particular, childcare. I learned that families with young children need childcare when unexpected illnesses arise, during doctors' appointments, hospital stays, etc.

The possibility of creating deep, meaningful inter-generational relationships while caring for each other's loved ones is a possibility worth pursuing. Retirees, are you willing to help a younger family by donating a few hours of your time to provide childcare, while the parent(s) goes to a physical or cares for a spouse in the hospital? The ripple effect of this newly formed relationship will prove to be quite impactful; healthy parent = healthy (ier) kid. Are you a parent, battling an illness, struggling to cobble together childcare? Imagine the possibility of receiving childcare from a loving church member and the infinite relief you'll receive knowing your children are in good hands.

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What might Pastoral Care Babysitting look like? Are you interested in being a part of the team that creates this program? Please send me an [email](#)!

Personnel Changes:

We are delighted to announce the addition of several team members to our nursery care team. Our beloved Doe Payne will be retiring in the spring, and we are so grateful that she will be here to share her expertise with our incoming staff for the next few months. Please join us in welcoming our new nursery care providers.:

- Susan Kohler comes to us as previous educator, and specialized in children with special needs, making IEP/504 plans. She has quite an extensive background working with children from around the world.
- Abigail Maldonado comes to us as a nurse, pursuing her dream to work toward being placed in the pediatric unit. Abigail is bilingual in Spanish and English, she also has one daughter.
- Jamila Wright comes to us as a preschool teacher, working her way towards her degree in early learning childhood development. Jamila is bilingual, in ASL and English. Her first language is ASL.

Board Report on Congregational Meeting by Stan Haavik, Board Member

Over 130 members of the Church attended the Congregational Meeting held on December 2nd. The atmosphere was electric; all were primed to hear and participate.

After a reflection on the 8th principle, focused on combatting racism, the first order of business was the presentation of the budget for 2019. This was led by Financial Officer and Board of Trustees (BOT) member, Kari Alperovitz-Bichell.



Kari provided a comprehensive look at the budget, addressing the major budget items as well as those smaller items which were of interest to members.

Overall the budget for the coming year reflects and closely matches the funds that will be available over 2019 from the chief source - member pledges. However there is a \$10,000 shortfall. In addition the budget does not cover our expected contribution to the support of our parent organization, UUA. Covering these costs by any of several means is under active discussion by the church's Executive Team and the BOT.

Members asked several questions regarding the budget including:

- Why was the UUA contribution cut? Answer: Because of a desire to keep our church staff at a median salary level for their respective positions.
- How successful have past fund raiser events been? Answer: Generally these have raised between \$6,000 and \$10,000 each.
- What has been the change in pledge units over past three years? Answer: Generally stable at about 290 pledge units with 245 active pledging.
- How much additional would each member have to pledge for 2019 to cover our anticipated deficit? Answer: \$148
- Why are bank charges so high (\$8,500 Per Annum)? This is the cost of doing business with much of the expense due to processing of checks and credit card fees. If more members would enable their payment via a credit or debit card, costs would go down.

After a discussion of several additional points, the quorum passed the budget for 2019 by a vote of 127 in favor, 2 opposed and 7 abstentions.

Updates on two important church efforts were provided from the Sanctuary Committee and the Building Beloved Community Committee.

1. **Church Sanctuary** – Heather Millar and Lisa Fleeharty reviewed activities of the board and sanctuary committee. These included deciding not to construct a shower in the church, providing assistance to the immigrant community, and on a Board decision to release \$10,000 to support immigration issues.
2. **Building Beloved Community** – Gwen Schindler, Candi Wanhatalo and Thornell Jones reviewed the important work of this committee to promote racial literacy at UUA.

The meeting then turned to presentations on three matters of importance to the congregation:

1. **Church Governance:** Evelyn Spurgin explained the work of the Governance Committee, active over the past two years in updating and revising many aspects of our governance policies. The full report is available at the church website.
2. **Search Committee** (for new minister): An entertaining skit was performed by Gil Longo, Heather Millar, and Max Ochs to provide an overview of the impending process for enabling a Search Committee for a new minister.
3. **Use of Church Facilities:** Our Interim Senior Minister, Rev. Kathleen Rolenz, gave an overview of the usage of our facilities. Our facilities are quite fully used. Middle Hour demand is especially high. There is a committee, BEEC-2, which is exploring ways to augment the facilities to meet the anticipated needs of the church.

Rev. John Crestwell, Associate Minister, provided closing words to complete the meeting.

UUCA Building Expansion Exploratory Committee 2 (BEEC2) by Paul Jorgensen, Chair

The ten members of the BEEC2 committee include: Paul Jorgensen (Chair), Thora Burkhart, Craig Beyler, Rob Wallace, Charlie Gross, Jeanne Jehl, Joe Jehl, Jan Bird, Maury Marks and Reverend Kathleen Rolenz.

The purpose of the committee is to determine the space needs of the church from all aspects including Sunday Service, Religious Education, Meeting spaces, and Living Space. Then to devise a plan to meet those needs. The plan will cover what we need, how we will get there and how much it will cost

We are looking at the adequacy of parking, at Rain Gardens, and related Civil Engineering Grounds Changes, Sanctuary future expansion, Narthex expansion, Fahs House replacement, and an Intern Apartment/house plan.

Currently we are in the analytical phase of the plan. We are looking at how many people are attending Sunday Services, how many youngsters are in the RE classrooms; how many folks use the meeting rooms both on Sunday, and at other times.

We will be doing analysis, visiting other churches to see how they have met their needs, and planning how we will meet our needs. We are at the very beginning and have met just three times, so we have a long way to go. Members who have questions or suggestions are free to contact us at beec@uuanapolis.org. We will be planning monthly open information sessions starting in February 2019.

BBC 8th Principle Middle Hour Series

By Linda Mundy

Please mark your calendar and join us:

January 6: #6 Cycle of Oppression

January 13: (postponed due to Middle Hour brunch)

January 20: #8 Tools for Being a White Ally: Exploring Ways to Fight and Heal from Racism

The series will repeat - the goal of the BBC is for every member of our congregation to complete this important series.

Contact: [Don Patterson](#) or [Olga Pabon](#).

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10 AM - 12 PM DOOR KNOCKING in pairs in assigned neighborhoods

12 -1 PM Lunch and Debrief

1:15 PM Childcare Ends

WHY DO HOLY TROUBLEMAKERS GO DOOR KNOCKING?

We spend A LOT of time doing relational meetings. However, we also know that the people directly affected by issues aren't always in our own institutions. As part of our relational and relationship building research, we team up and knock on doors. Door knocking lets us meet people, listen to their stories, see the issues firsthand, and invite new leaders we meet to build power for change with us!

Our focus for this campaign is on affordable housing, including subsidized and public housing. Our Housing Research Action Team has identified neighborhoods we will be reaching, including leaders in those neighborhoods who will work with us.

January Share the Plate

January's Share the Plate will be divided between the church's operating budget and the Ministerial Discretionary Fund. This fund is money available to the ministers to give to people in immediate need. It assists people with medications & prescriptions, short term housing solutions, and other one-time emergency needs. Please give generously; it is not replenished throughout the rest of the year. - Revs. Crestwell & Rolenz

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UU Humanists Activities - January 2019

By Cliff Andrew

The UU Humanists will be meeting in January to discuss the book *How to be a Good Creature - A Memoir in Thirteen Animals* by Sy Montgomery. (Available for Purchase in the UUCA Bookstore - See Flyer in Lobby-Narthex)

UU Humanist Meetings in January:

- January 8 & 22 at 6 PM, in the UUCA Narthex
 - Potluck Dinner 6 PM (bring a light item to share)
 - Book Discussion 6:30 PM

The UU Humanists will be meeting in February to discuss the book *Seven Types of Atheism* by John Gray. (Available for Purchase in the UUCA Bookstore - See Flyer in Lobby-Narthex)

UU Humanist Meetings in February:

- February 5 & 19 at 6 PM, in the UUCA Narthex
 - Potluck Dinner at 6 PM (bring a light item to share)
 - Book Discussion at 6:30 PM

Contact: [Cliff Andrew](#)

Mindfulness of Time and Change

By Phyllis Culham

The Mindfulness Practice Group will be meeting all year, every Sunday and every Thursday, as follows:

- Sunday meetings are held from 8:30-9:30 AM, in the Emerson Room of the Fahs House, for *Introduction to Mindfulness & Meditation* featuring 20 minutes of meditation guided by gathas with discussion.
- Thursday meetings are held from 6 - 7:30 PM, in the Sanctuary, usually featuring 40 minutes of silent meditation & a program.

We will offer some annual liturgy and other special programming for aligning intentions & easing into the New Year.

- Thursday, January 3: Annual Beginning Anew Ceremony from the Zen Order of Interbeing. A chance to meet our Practice Book; ceremony incorporates meditation.
- Sunday, January 6: Peter Morse guides meditation with songs from *A Basket of Plums*, a chance to encounter the Dharma songs of the Order of Interbeing.
- Thursday, January 10: Lee Weimer leads initial Metta meditation & discusses Metta practice.

The following seven weeks feature a series for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Black History Month from Hilda Baldoquin's *Dharma Color and Culture*.



The Caribbean is Coming to UUCA!

By Len Langrick, Choir Director

As part of our Arts in the Woods series the Catonsville High School Steel Drum Band is coming to UUCA. On February 10, 2019, at 3:00 PM the sanctuary will be filled with sounds of the islands, bringing warmth and cheer to our winter!

The Catonsville High School Steel Drum Band, directed by Jim Wharton, was founded in 1991, and for seven years was the only school steel drum program in the state of Maryland. Formed as a means for students to study and perform music from a culture other than their own, the band shares the music of Trinidad and Tobago with audiences throughout the Maryland region.

This will be a family-friendly, ya'll come event! We are planning a pre-event that includes food/beverages, steel drum music playing in the background, maybe games and crafts? What better place to come on dreary mid-winter afternoon than to bring the entire family for the Catonsville High School Steel Drum Band! You won't want to miss this incredible performance, and the chance to get a little summer light and warmth in you in the dead of winter.

Consider being part of a short term task force to brainstorm ideas for this mid-winter family-friend event! Contact [Len Langrick](#) or the [UUCA office](#) to volunteer.

You've Asked About the Piano

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

Some of you have asked about where we are with fundraising for a newer piano. The original gift from Betsy Jo Angebrannt was \$5,000. As of December 31, we have had 38 recorded donors with a total of \$18,998.27. I have heard of two verbal promises; one of a stock transfer and another as a year-end gift for 5K, but we don't have the money in hand so I haven't counted those verbal commitments in the total. Combining the cash in hand and the original gift we have \$23,998.27 (lets say 24K!) as of this writing.

The original piano that inspired this was a Steinway for sale at 25.5K. After examining the piano, Brian Ganz believed that, while a fine instrument, it would not be right for our space. Brian has agreed to be UUCA's eyes and ears, but of course he must fit that task around his very busy teaching and performing schedule. This means that the fundraising will continue. We will keep you apprised if we find the perfect piano at the perfect price. For those of you who have pianos willing to sell—thank you, but we prefer to purchase from a piano dealer if possible.

Brian Ganz Concert - Opens 2019 Arts in the Woods Season

by Paula Degen

In his only scheduled appearance at UUCA in 2019, classical pianist Brian Ganz will present a benefit concert to open the sixth annual Arts in the Woods music series on Sunday, January 6, at 3:00 PM. A long-time member of UUCA, Brian serves as artistic director for the classics series, but his solo performances here are all too rare as he is in demand nationally and internationally while also on the piano faculty at St. Mary's College of Maryland and the Peabody Conservatory.

On January 6 Brian will continue what has become a music tradition at UUCA by offering a preview of the latest program in his "Extreme Chopin" project. "This year's program also includes the rarely heard Allegro de Concert, the piece Chopin said would be the first he would play in an independent Poland. It's a timely tribute to the 100th anniversary of Poland's independence celebrated a few weeks ago.

In "Chopin: Spirit of Poland" Brian will not only preview selections from this year's Strathmore program, but he will take requests and answer questions from the audience—an advantage our "Arts in the Woods" listeners have over those attending performances in larger venues. Another advantage is the affordable ticket price. Tickets for this year's Strathmore preview at UUCA are \$20 at the door and are free to youth 16 and under. Proceeds benefit UUCA, with a portion going directly to support future Arts on the Woods programming. A reception, catered by UUCA's own Nancy Karpeles, follows the performance and is included in the ticket price.

Book Study-What Does It Mean To Be White-Developing White Racial Literacy

By Thornell Jones

There is still an opportunity to join this study group that meets on the 1st and 4th Monday nights from 7-9PM in the sanctuary. The revised edition is the text. It would be wise to read through the 1st and 2nd chapters and answer the questions at the end of the chapter. The next meeting is on January 7.

This study group is one of the best ways to really understand all of this talk about unconscious bias and becoming an ally of our members of color, and improving the friendliness of our community.

Monthly Book Club

All are invited to read the monthly book and join in the discussion on the 2nd Thursday from 7-9 PM in the RE Sanctuary. The January 10 discussion will be on *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James H. Cone. This book will help us participate in the efforts to recognize the practice of lynching in Maryland and join the effort to remember those who were victims and lost their lives.

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; le_for3@yahoo.com.

Amnesty International: The Annapolis Chapter of Amnesty International meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1PM 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.

Beacon Program: Designed for new members to be partnered with a current UUCA member (Beacon). A Beacon will follow up with new members for the first year, offering support, and notifying of events. Contact : Ellen Gaston; ekgaston@sbcglobal.net

Coming to the Table: meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Dissolving racism with understanding through conversation. Contact: Jane Carrigan; janeccarrigan54@gmail.com.

Drum Circle: A spiritual and meditative practice group open to all levels, no experience necessary. Bring a drum if you have one or use one of the group's drums. Meets on 2nd Mondays and 4th Tuesdays from 7:30—9 PM. Contact: Kate Holmes; k3holmes@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; klongo@uuannapolis.org

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; 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 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 Practice Group: meets every Thursday in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for meditation and dharma discussion.

Contact: Phyllis Culham; mpg@uuannapolis.org.

Outdoor Club: Holds monthly outdoor activities and outings for nature observation, companionship, spiritual sharing, and exercise.

Contact: Eloise Hoyt; eloisehoyt@verizon.net

The Tuesday Noon Lunch Bunch: Meets weekly mid-September - 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

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. Contact: Margery Knight; margeryknight@gmail.com or call 410-266-8044, ext. 111.

UU Humanists: Naturalism-Science-Reason-Wonder-Compassion-Community-Respect. Book discussions and film viewings. Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month; 6:00 PM potluck and 7:00 PM discussion; in the narthex.

Contact Cliff Andrew at 410-404-7170 or neuro@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.

Women in Transition: A covenant group of women meeting to support each other with change and its adjustments. Please contact the facilitator in advance of attending the meeting.

Contact: Sara Moulton; saramoulton33@gmail.com

Young Adult Group: Ministry that is focused on the spiritual formation and well-being of people ranging from ages 18-35. This group meets once a month at the church and does particular social events and social justice works throughout the year.

Contact: Devan Costello-Mays ; dcostellomays@gmail.com

New Day Rising Conference - January 26

New Day Rising Conference: Identifying Your Congregation's Next Steps in the Struggle with White Supremacy Culture
Saturday January 26th 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Join with Central East Region staff and UU congregational leaders for a day of learning, growing and rising. Hear from each other about what has worked and why, assess your congregation's next fruitful and faithful step, and see some of the great resource options available. Send your congregational team! There is something for everyone when a New Day Rises!

Costs: Sliding Scale fee of \$20-\$30-\$40. You may request a waiver for a \$10 fee as needed on the registration form. Lunch is included. Child care is available at \$5 per child, but must be requested in advance. Register [HERE](#).

2nd Wendi Winters Memorial Blood Drive

February 16, 2019

On February 16, 2019, we will be holding the Second Wendi Winters Memorial Blood Drive in conjunction with The Red Cross at Pip Moyer Recreation Center from 10 AM to 4 PM. Wendi always liked to have a blood drive around Valentine's Day, so in that spirit our theme will be Bring a Plus 1! So, grab a friend and come donate for a good cause. #ForWendi

STAY TUNED - sign up information for the drive coming soon!



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