What do your ministers and staff do over the summer? While it may be tempting to imagine that because your ministers (and staff) are not in the pulpit (or leading Faith Formation) each Sunday that we are lounging around enjoying the summer - but in truth - we are working to prepare for the fall. Rev. John, Leika, Josh, Julie and I are looking ahead to planning the weekly worship services built around the monthly themes (more on the monthly themes below). Len Langrick, Rev. Kathleen, John and Leika will be meeting in August to coordinate those monthly themes with choral selections. 

Julie Burman, director of Faith Formation is already casting a vision for our Faith Formation program (which includes knowing how many children and youth will be showing up this fall!) In addition, we are looking at taking care of deferred maintenance of the building (we've had a long-standing plumbing issue which is finally going to get fixed), taking in your pledges and properly processing them, and ensuring that everything continues to run smoothly over the summer. (By the way, see Kari Alperovitz-Bichel article about finances, pg. 6)

At the same time, your hard-working staff and ministers are also taking some time off this summer. Rev. John is notoriously bad about taking his earned vacation time - so, after much encouragement, he's agreed to take the month of July off. I have scheduled time in mid-July to be with an international group of Unitarian Universalists for study (and probably some fun too!) and then spending time with my in-laws in Canada for the first week of August. Julie Burman will be running Camp Beagle July 8—12. She and her family will be attending a UU Conference - The Well: A Family-Friendly Retreat Tending the Wounds of Racism in Maine at the end of July. Both Len Langrick and Joshua Long will attend the Association of Unitarian Universalist Music Ministries in Denver, CO; Josh will also offer another worship service in August. Leika Lewis-Cornwell attended General Assembly and will be in Chicago for a weekend intensive this summer. Pam Ausiello and our new Administrative Assistant, Jannina Ortiz will be the most consistent presence over the summer, although Pam scheduled some vacation time this summer as well. Rev. John and I are committed to returning from vacation/study leave if an emergency arises. Our worship leaders will be offering thoughtful and provocative services—plan to attend!

We all are hoping for a quiet, uneventful summer, whereby we (your staff) can also do some much needed behind-the-scenes work, such as ensuring all our policies are in place and accessible; our personnel manual is up to date, our phone and computer systems are functioning smoothly, and our building and grounds are in top shape. We also appreciate the slower pace of the summer. It gives us time to breathe, to think and to take care of the many things we simply can’t address in the press of the church year.

We hope that you have some "down time" as well - whether it involves travel or simply enjoying the flowers blooming in your own backyard or patio. UUCA can be an intense place to be - and, with the church gearing up to search for a colleague of equal standing to work with Rev. Crestwell, it's going to be quite a busy year. Let's rest - breathe - enjoy - and get ready for an exciting new chapter of life at UUCA. Take good care, Rev. Kathleen

Soul Matters Themes - 2019 - 2020

Soul Matters are the monthly themes which the ministers, Faith Formation programs, small groups and worship services all use to frame our thinking. The Soul Matters team have included a series of additional, more theological or "religious" type questions which your worship team is considering. Stay tuned for more news about these themes as we continue to work on programming for the fall. We're excited about the work of Soul Matters and hope that you continue to find it a meaningful way to engage with deeper questions of your life and your own intellectual, emotional and spiritual development. (continued on page 8)
Sunday Services at UUCA - 10 AM

July 7 - Love Surrounds Us
Dayna Edwards, Candidate for UU Ministry
The intentional deepening of our faith can benefit not only us but also future generations. Let’s explore how living in a purposeful multi-generational community can be fulfilling and also an act of social justice.

July 14 - The Sanctuaries, DC
They are back with their poetry, rap, spoken word and music! The Sanctuaries, DC will leave you wanting more with their rhythms, flow and harmonies. Don’t miss this!

July 21 - Shall We Panic Yet?
Lisa Fleeharty, Worship Leader
We Americans swim in the waters of a gun culture that increasingly threatens our well-being as well as our lives. Can we keep from drowning? How can we respond effectively? Music is by Betsy Kraning and Pat Fleeharty

July 28 - A 7th Inning Stretch—Rituals for our Times
Jane Carrigan, Worship Leader
We have rituals for many occasions in our lives. We live by them and they are important. We need to honor rituals and create new ones to satisfy our continued lives.

August 4 - Roots and Wings and Grain Offerings
Joshua Long, Unitarian Universalist Seminarian
The Fourth Source of Unitarian Universalism are Christian and Jewish Teachings calling us to love. As a seminarian I spend much time reflecting on the future Unitarian Universalism and what it will be like as the world continues to change. Surprisingly, the ancient Hebrew Scriptures may have some wisdom to offer us on this subject. Come join me as we explore our roots and how they still have much to teach us.

August 11 - How to be a White Ally
offered by members of Building Beloved Community
In the United States, the color of one’s skin has always had an impact on one’s experience. Come explore with Building Beloved Community members how that impact has changed over time and how those of us who are white can best use our privilege to fight to eradicate the negative impact on those who are not white. The heart of being a white ally is a spiritual awakening. It is saying to ourselves, “I cannot accept that our brown and black sisters and brothers are being oppressed in our society.”

August 18 - Do Not Look Away: Bearing Witness to Life on the Streets
Bob Ertman, Worship Leader
We walk past them every day, not really seeing them. The Zen Peacemakers practice Street Retreats, going out unwashed, unkempt, and without money, experiencing life on the streets, seeing the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

August 25 - Music as Liturgy
Thornell Jones, Worship Leader
It is time to open our minds to the messages our bodies get through music, all aspects of music-major/minor key, rhythm, timbre, volume, and their changes—that can help to develop our spiritual expression. Music frees us from the confinement of thought that bogs us down and keeps us from moving forward in life.
Adult Faith Formation Offerings—After Hour

After Hour is UUCA’s time for Adult and Children’s Faith Formation. After Hour is designed so that every session could be a “drop in.” The Inquirers’ and the 8th Principle Practice Series are the only series which have multiple sessions. All others have a three session limit. There is no charge to attend. If you would like to offer a program for After Hour sometime, contact Rev. Kathleen Rolenz.

8th Principle Practice Sessions are off for the summer. They will resume in September. See you then!

**July 7**
Inquirers Session #8 Membership 101—Library

**July 14**
Inquirers Session #1 New Members Ceremony - Library

**July 21**
Inquirers Session #2- Library

**July 28**
Inquirers Session #3 - Library

**August 4**
Inquirers Session #4 Worship or Minister Q&A - Library

**August 11**
Inquirers Session #5 Principals and Sources - Library

**August 18**
Inquirers Session #6 Campus Tour - Library

**August 25**
Inquirers Session #7 - R.E./Faith Development - Library

**September 1**
Inquirers Session #8 - UU History - Library

UU Bible Study

**Study of Leviticus, Torah, and Community Justice**
*Thursday, July 18th, 7 PM*

Leviticus gets a really bad wrap in progressive circles however the Torah is the foundational text of the Jewish tradition. Let’s take a closer look and see how this book is layered with justice, mercy, and love. The more skeptical the better! Our Bible studies are for a deeper understanding of our UU faith and practice so please come and reflect with us.

**Revelation vs. Liberation**
*Thursday, August 8th, 7 PM*

When someone mentions the book of Revelation, images of fire, monsters, and demons fill our heads. But what if this book was more than just end times fairy tales and a book about the end of injustice and oppression. Both Daniel and Revelation imagine a world free of persecution and a new age where love and justice reign supreme. Could these texts offer us something today? Let’s explore! Bring your experiences of heaven hell, end times, oppression, and empire as we dare re-imagine the apocalyptic texts.

One Service Instead of Two?

The UUCA staff had a lively discussion about how much people have enjoyed having ONE service instead of two over the summer. One of us asked: “What if we stayed at one service for 2010—2020?” We’ve touched base with some folks already, but would like to hear from you. How would you feel if we continued with one service at 10 am for the rest of the year? Details about how we would use the 9:00—10:00 am and 11:00—12:00 pm time are still to be determined, but before we go too far down this path, we wanted to take a straw poll. Send a “yes” or “no” to jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org. We’ll keep you posted about this possibility when we’ve heard back from you.

—Rev. John & Rev. Kathleen

ACT Monthly Mixers at UUCA

Building relationships takes time and UUs are busy folks! Let’s make some time over summer to bring a dish, maybe have some fun and fellowship! Coming together makes us stronger for our congregation’s future. **The next ones are scheduled for July 28th and August 25th.**

Your Group at UUCA this Fall

This August our staff will be sending out notices to all groups who meet at the church. We’ll be asking you to “re-apply” for your groups meeting space. Our building is in constant use. Scheduling groups and rooms accurately, and notifying you early enough if we need to move your group is part of why we need to have your groups contact info, meeting times and dates and suggestions for alternative space.

We are also in the process of revising our Administrative Policies about building use for non-members and non-member groups; and reviewing our current practices to determine if they still serve us. We’ll be posting our new building use form on the church website in August. Thanks!
**Faith Formation News at UUCA**

**Happy to Be Here! By Julie Burman**

I sincerely appreciate all of the support, commitment and blessings from the congregation and staff on Sunday, June 9 as I was installed as your new Director of Faith Formation. It felt like a significant moment in my life and I had to take pause that week to process all that I was entrusted to do. I commit to doing my best to hold the vision of our church community for Faith Formation (FF) through supporting parents and families, Sunday morning worship, and Sunday morning programming for our children and youth.

Faith Formation groups for our children and youth will begin their new year on Sunday, September 15, when we return to our two services. We invite all families to tour our new FF spaces the Sunday before, during After Hour. Each family can take their child(ren) to their assigned rooms to see where they will be meeting for the year and meet the wonderful adult leaders that will serve each week. More information will be coming later this summer.

Throughout our conversations this year, we came to understand that as a community we are actually all involved in the faith formation of our children, youth and adults... inspiring each other to lead bold and courageous lives. From the moment we enter this space, every person, interaction, and even the physical space itself is helping to form our faith. Whether you meet here at the church or on your own time or in your own home; gathering together to learn, laugh, share a meal, enjoy life together or to support one another, faith formation is always happening.

My hope for this summer is to be able to connect with the members of this congregation and hear their individual needs and hopes for our program. Please reach out for a phone call, to share a coffee/tea, or to chat anytime. I’m looking forward to getting to know our community better.

Respectfully, Julie Burman

**News from Laura Schrank**

Dear YRUU Youth, Families, and Volunteers,

I am writing to let you know that I will not be returning as the YRUU Coordinator next year. After a lot of reflection, my husband and I have decided to pull our kids out of the Montessori school and return to homeschooling. This is a massive life-altering decision that will take our lives in an entirely new direction. We want to slow down and share more experiences as a family. Travel. Live more. When I think of jobs I could have, investing my time into living and learning with my children feels like the right choice at this moment.

I am excited to see where this path leads and am happy to count you as friends on this journey. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you this year. You are all such an inspiration, and I can’t wait to see what the future holds for you.

I will, of course, stay involved in the church, and plan to focus my efforts on supporting faith formation, continuing The Wendi Winters Memorial Blood Drive, and fostering relational community building experiences within the congregation and through Anne Arundel Connection Together (ACT). I hope some of you will join me in these efforts as well! I’m always looking for volunteers, and am still happy to sign off for service hours.

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you at church and Camp Beagle!

All the best, Laura

**Thank You! From Julie Burman**

The entire UUCA staff would like to thank this year’s Youth Coordinator, Laura Schrank, for all of her time, effort and service that she invested into our high school youth this past year. Laura jumped in and began the year by asking the families directly involved, most importantly the youth themselves, what they wanted from the YRUU program. She worked hard by attending professional development trainings, collaborating with staff, and applying her gifts of organization to create a balanced youth ministry program. We thank her for all that she and her family gave this past year to help our church vision for where our programs are headed. Laura won’t be returning to YRUU next year, after much deliberation, she and her family have decided to homeschool again. Laura will continue to be involved in UUCA. Laura, thank you for all you did on staff this year. We will miss you as staff but wish you all the best as you follow your heart and do what’s right for yourself and your family.
Ever since I was a small child, I’ve loved singing, and one of my very favorite annual memories is singing with hundreds of other kids at the church camp I attended throughout my childhood. While some of the songs I sang have been lost to the mists of time and theology, many are still imprinted on my mind and my heart as friends who are dearly remembered even though we have grown apart.

As I write this, I am in the midst of attending the 2019 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. It’s been good to be in community with thousands of UUs from around the world, along with our UUCA contingent of Jane Carrigan, Phyllis Culham, Bob Ertman, and Heather Millar. There are many experiences and conversations that have touched my heart this week, which I will bring back with me and into my formation and ministry with UUCA.

One set of conversations has brought to the forefront of my mind a favorite song from those camp days. The song is taken from the Christian scriptures, and encourages people to be “strong and courageous,” unfearing, because no matter what may come Love will lead the way. I would add to that charge us another task: to be strong, yes, because the work of justice will require our collective strength. To be courageous—not unfearing, but moving ahead in the face of fear to do the work of love. And also to be bold. To speak openly of the ways in which our UU values lead us into the hard and joyful work of building Beloved Community. Dear ones, we have good news too! We call people to bring their whole selves, with their doubts and struggles and joy and love. To do with us this beautiful, challenging work of seeking collective liberation. Living our faith boldly, with love and humility and humor and joy, will only make the world a better place. How will we share our great news with the world?

Summer is in full swing! While in some ways things slow down, for membership not necessarily so. Summer is a time of church shopping for many folks. With the warm weather, vacation time, and change in schedule, visitors will be coming to hear the good news for themselves. With social media and accessibility of the internet, people have already researched about our values or listened to the podcast before stepping into the church building. So we welcome all who are new and we hope this becomes your spiritual home.

Small Group Ministry has been the most successful part of Membership. We have over 80 active participants and growing. A new group in Pasadena has formed and we will begin looking to have a new group on the route 3 corridor by fall. If you are interested in facilitating or starting a group please let me know. All of our small groups whether, practice, covenant, or neighborhood are so important to the life of our faith community. Having small group opportunities for people to connect is how we build the beloved community. If there is a group that you would like to start, please let the office know. You need 3 church members in order to officially form a group.

Lastly, We are looking to have a solid membership team come this fall. Several people have stepped up and I am so grateful for that. We are in need of younger voices and People of Color who may be interested in serving. Ways to get involved in membership include greeting, social media, facilitating inquirers classes, or even volunteering in the office once a week.

**Important Dates:**
- Membership 101: July 7
- New Members Ceremony: July 14
- No Class July 21 & 28
- Inquirers Classes begin again w/ Minister Q&A: Aug 4
Hello from your Finance Officer!

I wanted to give you an update on where we are financially since my report at the December 2018 congregational meeting.

First, with regard to the 2018 budget, we were hopeful that we would have strong giving in December, which indeed we did. We ended the year with a significant surplus, $44,000, which, as promised in the congregational meeting, was used to fully pay our UUA “fair share.”

In November, you may recall, we talked about the overall goal of the budget being to be able to fund things we really value in 2019, and to set the stage to be able to keep doing those things in 2020, and beyond, including:

- High-quality “RE” (now “Faith Formation”)
- Inspiring ministry and Sunday worship experience
- Supporting social justice efforts
- Maintaining our physical structure and infrastructure
- Funding salaries both fairly and competitively

In order to do this, we set the budget of $740,800, of which $560,000 would be from pledges and $20,000 would be from fundraising—including the basket auction and a new fundraising event.

With regard to fundraising: we had initially hoped to hold a big event in the spring, but that timeline was too ambitious. We now have a terrific new fundraising committee, headed by Patti Patterson and Diane Ratcliff (thank you!!) that is working hard on plans for a high-spirited auction, to be held on Saturday December 9th—so mark your calendars. Volunteers are needed (contact Patti or Diane). And, be thinking creatively about what services you could donate that your fellow congregants would love to have: could you offer rides to the airport? A week at a vacation home? Babysitting? An event on your boat? A paddling adventure? A kids’ birthday party?

With regard to pledges (e.g. promises of contributions), as of June 1, our total is $420,000 or 78% of our pledge goal. This is good—since we are only halfway through the pledge year, though not great—because typically fewer pledges come in during the summer.

In terms of actual funds received from pledges, we have received $220,686, which is about $8,000 behind our budget. The lag is due to slow giving in January and February, since then we have been on track. Luckily, we’ve also had lower than expected expenses so far in 2019—not much snow removal, our new facilities manager was hired later than expected, etc. Overall, income exceeds expenses so far in 2019 by about $5,000.

We have been able to do some great things with our funding this year. We have three new staff to help us do the things we want to do. Pam Ausiello, our Business Manager, Julie Burman, our Director of Faith Formation, and Charles Nelson, our part-time Facilities Manager. All were hired with fair and competitive salaries.

As we look to 2020, when we will be calling a new minister—who we will need to attract with a fair and competitive salary as well—we need to be sure that our income does reach (and exceed) 2019 budgeted levels. Which of course is my plug for being as generous as you can with your pledge, hopefully increasing it!

**New Admin Assistant** by Pam Ausiello

UUCA welcomes Jannina Ortiz as its new administrative assistant in the church office. We are thrilled to have found Jannina through member, Carrie Bacquie’s recommendation. Jannina comes to us with administrative experience that perfectly matched our needs! She is proactive, courteous, extremely helpful and skilled for the demands of the job.

In her spare time, Jannina loves doing various forms of art. You will see some of her work displayed in the summer’s Friends and Family Art Event in the Gallery. Jannina runs an Essential Oils business, as well as participates as an artist assistant in local Paint Nites. She lives in Crofton with her family, including a niece she’s very close to. Jannina will be on hand this summer being a steady office presence. Stop in and say hello when you get the chance. Welcome, Jannina!

**Financial Report Update** by Kari Alperovitz-Bichel

We need donations! By Camp Beagle X Admiral

We are still taking donations for cigar boxes to serve as the sailors’ individual wonder boxes. We are collecting until July 7th, 2019. Thank you for your support! For any questions, contact the Admiral: UUCampBeagle@gmail.com 410-266-8044 x104.
From the Board & General Assembly by Jane Carriagan, Vice President, Board of Trustees

The 58th Annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held from June 19 - 23, 2019 in Spokane, Washington. Spokane is a lovely city nestled around the Spokane River, ancestral lands of the Spokane Native Peoples of the Salish Tribe who derived much of their food and lore from the salmon and wealth of the river.

Nearly 3000 Unitarian Universalists from every state in the nation and beyond were represented at GA this year and participated in daily worship, song, workshops, meetings and seminars assembled under the important theme “The Power/Possibility/Struggle/Joy of We.” This engagement in a deeper discernment of our faith continued in every conversation between participants earnestly debating, or gently encouraging each other over coffee, a meal or between sessions.

The UUCA was well represented by delegates Heather Millar and Jane Carrigan of the Board of Trustees, Robert Ertman, Phyllis Culham and Intern Leika Lewis-Cornwell. UU-CA delegates attended a variety of seminars including “Transformational Worship,” “Combating Destructive Behavior and White Supremacy Culture” and “Power in Covenants - Redeeming Our Time Together?” Our own Intern, Leika Lewis-Cornwell presented a seminar titled, “Whose Humanism, Anyway? Answers from the Humanist Collaboratory.”

The 2019 Ware Lecture was presented by Richard Blanco who was selected by President Obama to serve as the fifth Inaugural Poet, the youngest, first Latino, immigrant, and gay person to serve in such a role. Richard wowed the gathered GA attendees with excerpts from his poems, including the inaugural poem, “One Today,” and several from his latest book of poems How to Love a Country. The Ware Lecture was a standing room only crowd and is available for listening on YouTube.

As the GA unfolded, attendees came to reinforce the power of community, understanding that we are stronger when all are included. We reinforce our belief that we must stand up for all humanity: those being denied their rights at the borders and by ICE, those who would (Continued on page 9)

FUNdraising at UUCA by Patti Patterson

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Fall Fest
Saturday, November 9,
5 -8:30 pm
Silent and Live Auction
Raffle
Light Supper,
Drinks, and Fun

The UUCA FUNdraising Committee has been meeting for several months to develop an ongoing plan for church fundraising. Diane Ratcliff and Patti Patterson co-chair the FUNdraising Committee which also consists of Pam Ausiello, Charlie Gross, Jackie Heimbuch, Evelyn Spurgin and Chris Wien. Our goal is to develop fundraising efforts that occur regularly each year and encompass fun events to further develop fellowship. For 2019, we are planning a fall auction! We are excited about this important event—so mark your calendars now!

We also hope to sell T-shirts with the church logo and enroll the church in the Amazon Smile program where a portion of sale purchases are donated to UUCA. For next year (2020), we hope to hold a children’s event, perhaps a travel raffle and another auction in the fall. For this year’s auction, please consider what you’d like to contribute, a dinner, a piece of pottery, a basket of goodies, etc. We are a fun and busy group, and we could use your help. If interested, please contact Diane Ratcliff at dratcliff940@gmail.com, or Patti Patterson at prpatter@comcast.net.

Ministerial Search Committee By Thornell Jones

Please be on the alert for notice of the congregational survey which will be distributed later in August. It is important to have 100% participation on this survey. We really need to know what each individual is looking for in our church and hence what kind of minister we will need to complement our own Reverend John Crestwell. In this regard, we are expecting each member to help other members to commit to complete the survey. Remember, your voice counts!
Music Matters by Joshua Long

There is a variety of music happening Sunday mornings over the summer. I will be offering up several of my own original compositions on July 7th. The Sanctuaries, an interfaith arts collective will be back to offer both music and message. Several of our members will be contributing their musical talents for several services, and our beloved Sara Jones will be back in August.

During this time, we will be planning how to grow the worship band and the Children’s Choir. Integrating all the diverse music abilities of all age groups into our morning services in the coming church year is the goal. We have many people who sing, play instruments, and we want to celebrate that. The Choir will be back for their first rehearsal September 4th and singing September 8th.

Continue to support our Arts in the Woods concert series. Make some music in your own lives as well. Sing by a campfire, enjoy your favorite artists, and feel the sounds! Music is a way we can have a spiritual practice that engages the whole self. So enjoy your summer and we will see you at church!

Soul Matters Themes - 2019 - 2020 (Continued from page 1)

by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

This past year the Soul Matters Team was encouraged to create something called “The Sacred Paths Project.” Here’s what the team has to say about the Sacred Paths Project: This effort has two major goals: To bring a more explicitly theological lens to our core themes, and to re-engage all of us with traditional religious concepts and bring them to life in new ways. This year, UUCA is interested in exploring the following themes, which combine many of Soul Matter’s “core themes” with their Sacred Paths Project. They’ve also included questions for our reflection. So, we’ve amended the list published earlier. These are the themes we’ll be exploring for 2019-2020. Drum roll please!

2019
September—Faith: In what do I trust?
October—Belonging: Does who I am end at the barrier of my skin?
November—Attention: What is my life trying to say to me?
December—Awe: What is sacred?

2020
January—Soul: What is my path?
February—Resilience: Do I have to make it all on my own?
March—Awakening: Is This All There Is?
April—Surrender: How do I escape my ego and small self?
May—Threshold: Where do I find the courage to step into the new?
June—Play: Just what you think!
wise be marginalized by society, and those whose voices are lost in the crowd. Youth and young people play a particularly important role in the community of “We” and GA honors them with special seminars, events and seating sections during gatherings of all attendees in the great hall. An important question at this GA and one which UU communities will be addressing over the coming year is “When have you felt the Power of We in your worship/faith community?” Discerning this answer will help us all understand how we define the Power of We.

The Unitarian Universalist Association’s Board of Trustees appointed the Commission on Institutional Change in 2017 to assess structural racism and white supremacy culture within the UUA’s institutions and its wider religious movement. In April 2019, the commission’s five members— the Rev. Leslie Takahashi, chair; Cir L’Bert Jr.; Mary Byron; Elias Ortega-Aponte; and the Rev. Dr. Natalie Fenimore—discussed the focus of their work with UU World’

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Something else that contributes: our membership is close to 90 percent white. So maybe business as usual is a place where they are comfortable. Anyone perceived to be from outside, from historically marginalized communities, who asks questions about the way we do things, creates a lot of dissonance in people’s constructed reality of how they see the world operating.

Also, we don’t really have a shared vocabulary. For many folks there may be other ways to talk about race or racism without calling it “white supremacy culture,” whereas in reality racism is the child of white supremacy culture.

**L’Bert Jr.:** For many members, what we do outside the church in our social justice and equity work isn’t always reflected in the culture of UU space, which can be dominated by a generation of folks who have sought out Unitarian Universalism as a place of comfort, away from the world and these concerns. Some of it is a disconnect between what our values are and this lack of willingness to address the sources of pain and oppression operating both in our culture and in our own tradition.

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From Rev. John Crestwell. “This summer, I invite UUCA members to read my third book. I’m offering it to you free as a pdf or you can purchase it on Amazon Kindle for $7.99. It took me over five-years to finish this publication as this book synthesizes and simplifies many complex religious ideas. In their proper context, world religions offer lessons for life; lessons that can simplify and/or amplify your personal journey. This is my personal mystic theology written for you to manifest your greatness in life. Some lessons involve forgiveness, surrendering and love, while others focus on visioning, balance, and hope. Others are about claiming your power, faith, and awe when life turns magical. If you are curious about what inspires, motivates, and drives me, religiously speaking, this book is for you. Enjoy its messages and spiritual best practices which I've found have made all the difference in my life. I hope we can discuss the book together, soon.”

From “White Fragility” by Robin DiAngelo

“Interrupting racism takes courage and intentionality; the interruption is by definition not passive or complacent. So, in answer to the question: Where do we go from here?” I offer that we must never consider ourselves finished with our learning. Even if challenging all the racism and superiority we have internalized was quick and easy to do, our racism would be reinforced all over again just by virtue of living in the culture…” Pg. 153-154
Events & Happenings at UUCA

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; ek gaston@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; jane-carrigan54@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; klong@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 Deb 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

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 neurol@jhmi.edu.

UU Theists: A group of people interested in a UU perspective of theism. Usually 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

Gallery 333 by Deb Boudra

Look carefully at the artwork this summer—you will see the artwork of members and friends of UUCA that you may know or get to know. Everyone loves validation—tell them how you like it... or buy it!!!
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