



Odyssey

September 2011

Sunday Services

Sept 4 *Celebrate with Me*

Birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, bar mitzvahs, quinceañeras aren't much fun without our friends and family to celebrate with us.

Rev. Snavelly

Sept 11 *Tenth Anniversary of 9-11*

We remember those who died and reflect on the way this event has changed our nation.

Rev. Snavelly,
Karen Scrivo,
Tisha Richardson

Sept 18 *Multigenerational Water Communion/ Ingathering*

Bring water from your summer travels or activities to share.

Worship Associates

Sept 25 *The Strange Life of George de Benneville*

He was reprieved from execution while already on the scaffold. He came back to life after having been declared dead. Although in sympathy with the colonists, he buried two British soldiers in his family plot. Today we consider what this Universalist's life taught him and still teaches us.

Rev. Snavelly

Oct 2 *Unitarian Universalists: A Denomination Growing into Adulthood*

Who we are is constantly changing. We consider who we want to become.

Association Sunday Special Collection

Rev. Snavelly

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A Message to Visitors

Welcome to the Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation!

Whether you join us for a single service or become a member for many years, we see you as a fellow student, teacher, explorer and seeker.

For as long as you are with us, we offer you a safe place to find your own spiritual path.

Each of us is on his/her own life journey, but we choose to share with each other,

- ◆ to learn and to teach,
- ◆ to celebrate and to mourn,
- ◆ to think and to feel,
- ◆ to differ and to agree,
- ◆ to challenge and to support,

- ◆ but always to respect and to value each other.

Our principles have more to do with how we treat each other, our fellow humans and our world than they do with "heavenly" matters, but they are spiritual nonetheless.

We expect that you may eventually move on, but we hope you will take our shared values with you when you do and share them with others you encounter in your journey.

Thank you for choosing to be with us today.

Steve Buckingham
President, Board of Trustees

From the Minister



Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

Ten years ago on September 11, 2001 it was my first day on a new job. I was an administrative assistant at MidSouth Building Supply. I was going to work regular hours and be home nights and weekends for my teenage daughter. I found myself driving into DC with my new boss to measure windows as most people were driving out of DC. I found myself measuring windows on a day when doing ministry would have felt more appropriate.

*“Ten years ago
Muslims were just
one more set of
neighbors...”*

Ten years ago Muslims were just one more set of neighbors, one more group that shared the interfaith center that belonged to the Methodists and UUs in my hometown of Columbia, MD. For ten years too many people Muslims, all Muslims, have become the enemy. Interfaith work that includes the Muslim community and allows Christians and Jews and UUs and others to meet and know our Muslim neighbors became and continues to be more important than ever.

Ten years ago there were no American soldiers in Afghanistan. Today we pray for the people of that country and our soldiers there and hope the soldiers may soon be home and the country may become whole.

Ten years ago some of our children were not yet born. They have lived all their life in a country which has rationalized torture and the “Patriot Act” that grants the government the power to secretly search personal telephone and email communications, investigate personal records such as medical, financial, and library records. For ten years we have not, in my opinion, lived up to our own national ideals because of fear. I pray that soon we will begin to live up to our own best ideals of what it means to be an American.

Blessed Be,
Cyn



A Death in the Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation

As many of you are aware, Vivian Nance was admitted to the hospital in July due to a fall that broke her hip. Sadly, she passed away on August 23, 2011 at the age of 93, due to age-related complications. Vivian's daughter, Claudia, will be holding a celebration of Vivian's life on the day that would have been Vivian's 94th birthday, Saturday, September 24 from 1-3pm at the community room in the Willows where Vivian lived. There will not be a formal service, but those who wish to say a few words will have the opportunity to do so.

You can read Vivian's full obituary online and sign a guestbook with your remembrances:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?pid=153299643>

From the President

Our Shared Ministry

Ask most people what the word "ministry" means, and they are likely to tell you it's what a minister does. Ask the UUA, and you'll hear that a ministry is a function shared among professional staff (like ministers and directors of religious education), church officers and members of the congregation.

We must remind ourselves that we all play a part in ministering to the needs of our congregation. By visiting and providing for fellow members in time of illness or need, we participate in the pastoral ministry. Our lay-led services are examples of shared worship. Mentoring or teaching a RE class involves us in ministering to our youth. Joining the AIDS Walk or Christmas in April is part of our social justice ministry. I like to think of the overall ministry of our congregation as a collection of various types of ministries, some of which may yet to be identified.

We employ three important people to help us with our ministries. Rev. Snavelly provides us with thought provoking services,

pastoral care, religious instruction and spiritual guidance. As Director of Religious Exploration, Tisha Richardson, works with the RE Committee to organize classes, develop curricula, plan programs, and recruit and support teachers. Dick Wobus has agreed to continue as Choir Director for another year, and we have come to rely on his high quality music program to support our worship ministry. All of these people are essential to our growth as a religious community trying to meet the needs of our members and the larger community.



According to the UUA Congregational Handbook: "Ministry is a mutual process. Consequently, an evaluation process for a congregation is best done as an evaluation of each partner in the process: professional staff, congregational lay leaders and committees, and the congregation's membership." This is the job of our **Committee on Ministry** composed of representatives of the Minister, DRE, Choir Director, and Board of Trustees, as well as the congregation (you elected Ken Shilling in May). They are responsible for providing



evaluations of our paid staff as well as an annual review of the congregation's ministries in the spring to determine:

- ◆ What is going well;
- ◆ What needs improvement;
- ◆ What new goals and directions are emerging in the congregation; and
- ◆ How the minister, professional staff, and congregation can continue to grow together in mutual ministry.

"It is important that a congregation approach this annual review of its life together in a way that allows for reflection, learning, and real commitment to its goals." (UUA Congregational Handbook). Please participate in this process with your thoughts, comments, compliments and concerns.

I have one final request. Please remember that **all three** of our staff are employed **part-time**. We cannot ask them to work additional hours, nor should we ask them to accept responsibilities that we ourselves should do. Please remember that our ministry is **shared, not delegated** to others.

Steve Buckingham

From the Religious Exploration Program

Happy New Year!

This summer, the RE program followed a curriculum entitled, "Living the Seven Principles." The goal of this curriculum was to give our young explorers (i.e. our children) the opportunity to do the seven principles as a community (as opposed to talking about the seven principles as a community). Happily, the curriculum was a success! Goodloe's young explorers not only made amazing crafts (thanks Misty and Kris), had insightful conversations (thanks Ken), shared of themselves and their knowledge (thanks Lisa), and did their part to change the world for the better (rescheduled to October due to Hurricane Irene), they also had a lot of fun (thanks Sid and all of the RE teaching assistants).

Continuing in our efforts to show Goodloe's young explorers how to live the seven principles, the RE committee has selected The Monotheistic Traditions and Unitarian



Herb box prepared in RE class this summer.

Universalist Identity as the theme for this year. Yes, there was a bit of controversy and compromise in the selection of monotheism as one of our themes for the year. However, I think I can speak for the entire RE committee when I say that it's important that our children know the stories and beliefs and, dare I say it, wisdom, under-girding these traditions (which as Unitarian Universalists and individuals are part of our spiritual and cultural heritage). We also agreed that it is impossible to be a good and informed world citizen without some sort of exposure to and understanding of the beliefs, spiritual traditions, and history of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim peoples.

As mentioned above, we will also be continuing our study of Unitarian Universalist Identity. Exactly how will we do this? Well, there are many, many ways to explore the questions of UU beliefs, practices, and lifestyles. Tactics we will use this year include learning about modern and historical UU figures, discussing and

participating in social action and social justice work, structured learning and crafting activities focused on the seven principles, and free play (one of the most important opportunities our children have to practice the first UU principle). Developing a UU identity also includes learning as Unitarian Universalists about the traditions from which our identity (in all its myriad forms) was born. In short, UU Identity will be a true constant for the entire RE year.

I am looking forward to what promises to be a pretty exciting year. In addition to all of the curriculum and RE class stuff, we're planning on having a Hallowe'en party, a church-wide sleep-over (yep, I said sleep-over), the first ever (since I've been here) RE pizza party, the annual Easter Can Hunt for Justice event and, if we're lucky, at least one "Parents' Night Out."

Like I said... good times, good times.

Tisha L. Richardson
Director, Religious Exploration

Religious Exploration: Volunteers Needed

Share your joy, wisdom and spiritual path with a collection of writers, musicians, gamers, builders and philosophers (also known as the children of the RE program). Volunteer teaching assistant duties and responsibilities include: showing up to class on-time, listening and offering personal insights on the topic of the day, helping teachers distribute materials and supplies, encouraging the young explorers to participate in class. Contact the DRE, Tisha Richardson, for more information: religiousexploration@goodloeuu.org

Upcoming RE Events

9/18	Volunteer Teaching Assistant Orientation
9/25	Teacher Dedication (Teachers PLEASE plan to attend) First Day of Religious Education (no volunteer assistants) RE Teacher Orientation (12 noon)
10/2	RE Fall Open House
TBD	"We Want More For Our S'mores!" Protest (rescheduled from Summer 2011)



Goodloe Activities

Goodloe Readers

Thurs, Sept 22, 7:30pm

Someone's Daughter: In Search of Justice for Jane Doe, by Silvia Pettem

Although the Goodloe Readers group normally meets on the third Thursday, they are holding it on the 4th Thursday for this month only.

You can read an editorial review and customer reviews on Amazon:

<http://www.amazon.com/dp/1589794206>

Remember that if you want to buy the book online, please click through Goodloe's affiliate link: <http://www.goodloeuu.org/fundraisers.html>

Social Justice Film & Discussion

Fri, Sept 2, 7:00pm [Inside Job](#)

Fri, Oct 7, 7:00pm [Flow](#)

The social justice film and discussion moves to first Fridays from second Fridays this year.

Other possible films for the year include:

- ◆ [Crude Impact](#)
- ◆ [Food, Inc.](#)
- ◆ [No Dumb Questions](#)
- ◆ [The Other Side of Immigration](#)
- ◆ [See What I'm Saying](#)

Additional suggestions are welcome. Follow the hyperlinks for information about each of the films.

PFLAG Friday, Sept 16, 7pm

Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays meets the third Friday of the month to provide fellowship and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning individuals and their family & friends.

Everyone is welcome. Support groups are led by trained facilitators. Confidentiality is maintained.

Goodloe Coffee House

Saturday, Sept 24, 7:30pm

Enjoy an evening of entertainment or consider signing up to share your talents.

Requested donation is \$5 for audience, \$1 for performers. Volunteers needed to help setup/clean up and to bring snacks to share.

Each time slot has up to 10 minutes, with the possibility of encores after all acts have finished.

Parent Effectiveness Training Support Group

This group meets the third Sunday of each month after the service to provide information and mutual support for anyone who faces the daily challenges (and rewards) of parenting. Child care is provided.

Contact Tisha Richardson for details.

Spiral Scouts

Spiral Scouts meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the RE room. Any family interested in learning more about Spiral Scouts, please contact Misty Cole (playmisty4me@gmail.com).



Goodloe Activities II

The Sound of Music

Saturday, September 3, 5:30-9:00pm (Performance begins at 6pm)

Refreshments: Please bring snacks, appetizers, desserts to share.

Costumes: No costumes are required. But they can be fun!

Rehearsal: No rehearsals required. We sit in a big circle, read the parts, sing the songs to music on background tapes, and have a ball.

We always welcome Audience Participants

The Sound of Music - The Complete Book and Lyrics of the Broadway Musical -- is still available for anyone interested (\$12.60).



Goodloe Celebration

Date: Saturday, November 5
6:30pm Reception 7:30pm Program

Location:
Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation
1540C Pointer Ridge Place Bowie, MD

Keynote Speaker: Denny Davidoff, former moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association and member of the Board of Trustees at Meadville Lombard Theological School.

Topic: "Ready to Take the Consequences"

Tickets \$15 individual \$25 Family

This is a benefit for the Goodloe Memorial Scholarship at Bowie State University. Donations gladly accepted. Make checks out to Goodloe Memorial and note Goodloe Scholarship.

For more information call 240-475-2111.

Speaking Engagement—Mark Morrison Reed

Date: Thursday, November 10
6:30pm Gathering, light refreshments
7:00pm Program

Location:
Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation
1540C Pointer Ridge Place Bowie, MD

Unitarian Universalist Minister Mark Morrison Reed gives a talk on his new book, *Darkening the Doorways: Black Trailblazers and Missed Opportunities in Unitarian Universalism*.

This important book is a clear-eyed look at the history of Unitarian Universalist history which not only highlights the denomination's shortcomings as they pertain to truly embracing non-white congregants, but also shows what the denomination has done right and offers optimism for the denomination's future.



For more information call 240-475-2111.



Upcoming Events



A Day of Mindfulness In the Arts: A One Day Meditative Arts Retreat

Saturday Oct 22 9:30-4:30

Please register by Oct. 1 with choice of workshops:
mpg@uuca-md.org or
JaiHawk@live.com

UU Church of Annapolis-proceeds to our Capital Campaign

Suggested donation: \$40, \$20 student/underemployed. No one turned away—talk to us.

Especially gentle and beginner-friendly. Initial introduction to mindfulness practices for the inexperienced. Shortened

periods of sitting meditation and walking meditation frame morning and afternoon arts practice sessions.

Please dress appropriately for your workshop choice and bring a dish to share for Mindful Eating at lunch.

Information including schedule and leaders from:
JaiHawk@live.com

(traditions represented: Forest Monks, Mountains & Rivers Zen, Boundless Way Zen, Order of Interbeing Zen, Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship)

A Service of Interfaith Prayers for Peace on the Tenth Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of 9-11 will be held on **Sunday, September 11, 2011** at 5:30pm outside of the Bowie City Hall 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716. The service is sponsored by the Bowie Interfaith Clergy and will feature prayers and scripture readings from our multiple faiths in multiple languages and brief comments by Congressman Steny Hoyer. The service will end with a candle lighting act of remembrance.

A Taste of Cakes: Exploring the Feminine Divine

A special weekend for women of the JPD,
Sept 30-Oct 2

Bishop Claggett Center,
Buckeystown, MD

Friday Dinner through
Sunday Lunch
Total Cost: \$204

\$50 Discount for
Commuters
Women 16 and older
welcome
10% Discount For Those
Under 25

Registration Deadline is
September 15, 2011

UU Social Justice Awards Gala

Date: Sun. Oct 23, 2011, 5:30 PM

Location:
La Panetteria
4921 Cordell Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Appetizers and a three course dinner. Free parking. Contact Rev. Cyn Snavely at info@uusj.org or 301-588-1951. Tickets are \$75.00. The Fourth Annual Social Justice Awards Benefit Gala feeds the UUSJ Collaborative Fund, another way to meet our goal of increasing the frequency, impact and visibility of UU collaborative efforts in the region. The UUSJ Collaborative Fund is a grant program promoting cooperation to enhance the impact of social justice

endeavors among congregations, organizations and individuals.

To be presented:

Affordable Housing Award: Affordable Housing Task Force, UU Congregation of Fairfax

Collaborative Social Justice Program Award: Action in Montgomery Organizers, Cedar Lane UU Church

GLBTQ Award: Marge Dimond and Stephen Colgan, Cedar Lane UU Church

Immigration Award: Social Justice Committee, Accotink UU Church

Mid-Sized Congregation Social Justice Program Award: Social Justice Program, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church

Supporting Our Community

Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry

2011 has been a very busy year at the pantry, and the staff relies on contributions from individuals like ourselves to help the increasing number of people coming to them for food.

	2010	2011
New Clients	81	147
Ave # per Month:		
Client Visits	194.2	242.8
Families Served	120.5	145.5
Children Served	174.5	211
Visits per opening	15.8	20

Please note the table below for the time period of Jan - June 2010 compared to Jan-June 2011.

Items that the pantry always needs include:

- ◆ canned vegetables
- ◆ peanut butter
- ◆ jelly
- ◆ cereal
- ◆ tuna fish
- ◆ canned fruit
- ◆ canned soup

More information is available online at:

<http://www.bowiefoodpantry.org/>



Bowie CROP Walk

Sunday, October 2
Registration begins at noon,
Walk begins at 1pm.

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) Walk 2010 hosted 125 walkers from 9 places of worship resulting in over \$12,000 raised to fight hunger in our community and all over the world! Our goal this year is 150 walkers from 15 places of worship to raise \$15,000. In order to reach this goal, we need the help of the community.

St. Matthew's UMC will host this Church World Services event on Sunday, October 2nd. The Bowie Food Pantry will receive 25% of the donation total as well as any canned goods that are collected on Walk Day.

We hope that you will consider walking with us to support the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. Please e-mail Lori Robertson at BowieCROPWalk@gmail.com or call 301-807-3156 for more information or visit the website: http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/TR/2011FallCROPHungerWalk/TR-Fall2011?fr_id=13275

Goodloe and Amazon: One Year Results

Goodloe became an Amazon.com associate at the beginning of July 2010. Since that time, we have earned an "advertising fee" whenever someone accesses Amazon.com via the Goodloe web site and then makes a purchase. In the one year covering July 2010 through June 2011, our congregation earned \$468.17 in this manner.

For those who haven't tried this yet, here's how it works. Instead of accessing Amazon.com directly, go through the special link on the Goodloe web site's Fundraisers page (<http://www.goodloeuu.org/fundraisers.html>). Once there, simply click on the black icon that states, "Price. Selection. Convenience." That will take you directly to Amazon.com, where you can shop as usual.

Every sale that is made after one clicks through from the Goodloe site will result in a commission of at least four per cent for our congregation! In some cases, the commission can reach ten per cent. This is an easy way to support Goodloe while buying items that would you would be purchasing anyway.

If you place items in your cart for later purchase, remember to go through the Goodloe link when you return to Amazon.com.

Joe Puccio
jpucandy@aol.com

*"A candle must give itself away.
In the giving, the spending, the spreading, the sending,
it finds itself. "*

John Wood

Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2011



Attendees

Kevin Smith, Jackie Lord, Barbara Puccio, Dan Delaney, Cyn Snavely, Steve Buckingham

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Reading by Rev. Cyn Snavely.

Minutes from July's meeting were approved as read.

Barbara is still getting familiar with the financial accounts. A July Financial Summary was presented.

Overdraft Protection for the checking account was retroactively approved.

Signature cards at Capital One were corrected and updated.

The contract between Goodloe and Kaplan is being reworked and negotiated.

A "green" electric supplier is being researched. Barbara will be contacting Laird for some input and guidance.

The salary for the acting

choir director has been increased.

Ideas for possible fundraisers was discussed.

A "Committee of Ministry" was discussed. The committee would evaluate ministries and staff; as well as survey the congregation on how the ministries are doing.

The position of Vice President needs to be filled.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE

Fundraising

Purchase Giant Scrip, then use it like a gift card at the check-out line. Without any more money expenditure for you, Goodloe makes 5% to 10% each time you shop!

Also, each time you shop at Amazon.com, simply start at Goodloe's link labeled "Price, Selection, Convenience," and Goodloe will receive a payment for every purchase you make, again, at no additional cost to you. Next time you shop, keep in mind these simple & painless ways to help Goodloe! <http://www.goodloeuu.org/AmazonLink2.html>

July-August Combined	
Giant Scrip	\$280
Amazon Associates	\$128

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 Spiral Scouts	2 7:00 Social Justice Film/Discussion	3
4 10:30 Worship/RE	5	6 7:15 Spanish Group	7 7:30 Choir Practice	8	9	10
11 10:30 Worship/RE 11:30 Potluck	12	13 7:00 Board of Trustees 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	14 7:30 Choir Practice	15	16 7:00 PFLAG	17
18 10:30 Multigen RE Svc 11:40 Parent Effectiveness	19	20 7:15 Spanish Group	21 7:30 Choir Practice	22 7:30 Goodloe Readers	23	24 7:30 Open Mic Coffeehouse
25 9:00 RE Committee 10:30 Worship/RE 12pm Chinese Buffet	26	27 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	28 7:30 Choir Practice	29	30	

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Deadline for Next Odyssey:

Sept 15th, 2011

Please email submissions to

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If you have changed your address, phone, or email, please let us know at goodloe.memorial@gmail.com or contact Jackie Lord (301) 249-7713 or Nancy Choice (301) 805-5345.

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