



Odyssey

May 2012

Sunday Services



May 6 *Question Box Sermon*
Rev. Snavelly

Do you have a question about religion, ethics, Unitarian Universalism, Goodloe congregation? This is the Sunday to ask. Questions will be collected at this service. Some will be answered as part of the service. Others will be answered in the June Odyssey.

May 13 *Humanizing Mom*

Our mothers often get characterized as saints, demons, or crazy people. Today we acknowledge them as human with flaws and strengths.

May 20 *Passing on the Mantle*

When is it time to give up a volunteer position? When is it time to take up a new volunteer position? What are the

responsibilities of the one laying down the mantle to the one picking it up? No congregation or any other organization run by volunteers could exist without these questions being answered well.

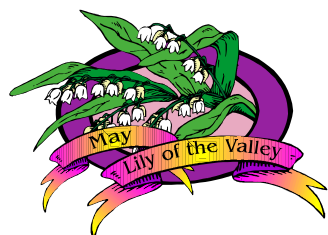
May 27 *Multigenerational Pentecost Service*
Tisha Richardson

In this service, we will celebrate our diversity and fellowship through stories and dance.

June 3 *Listening to the Still, Small Voice*

Nineteenth century Unitarian minister Theodore Parker tells a story from his boyhood in which his mother taught him that the voice within himself could be trusted to guide him to do the right thing.

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Please Note: Next month's Odyssey will be the Summer issue, covering the months of June-August. If you have anything you wish to contribute for the summer, it must be received by the May 22 submission deadline.



From the Minister

Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

We begin this month with our annual congregational dinner. Many years the congregational dinner is the beginning of the pledge drive, but not this year. The Board wished to disconnect our time to celebrate each other with the asking of each other for money. Still one of the things we celebrate about each other is what we bring to the community, and all of us bring something.

Some of us can tell a good story. Others of us have an eye for color and what will make for an attractive space. Some of us relate well to youth. Some of us know what to do in a medical emergency. Some dance. Some sing. Some cook. Some paint. Some grout. Some teach. Each ability is a gift to the community. Goodloe would not be the same without it.

The annual Flower Communion Service at the end of April was a time to say "thank you" to one another, but please don't let that be the last or only time you say "thank you." Congregations can

only exist because of what each person is willing to do. Without your efforts we could not be a community.

One of my childhood heroes, Albert Schweitzer said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." One of the best ways to thank the members of the congregation who have done something you appreciate is to do something for them.

It will make me happy to see you all being there and doing for one another, and I hope it will make you all happy as well.

Blessed Be,
Cyn



*"Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness,
to pull another hand into the light."*

Norman B. Rice

Religious Exploration: Don't Sweat the Small Stuff

Dear friends,

I had the opportunity recently to watch our young friends play together in the RE space. I had one thought, "If our friends keep going like this, they'll all have stress induced heart attacks by the time they're 25 years old!" It's funny in retrospect, but I remember being alarmed by how every single interaction was treated as the most important interaction. And, every single stressor was the source of the ultimate crisis.

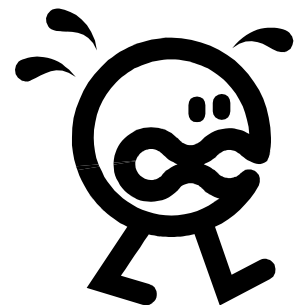
That day, and every day since, I've wanted to tell our young members that, "It's okay. There is nothing that you can do in the hour that you in RE that can't be repaired before you leave or redone next week." I also wanted to tell them that

"Sometimes, when another person messes up your well thought-out well-planned efforts, they may not be doing it on purpose." And finally I wanted to say, "When someone has something critical to say about your well-planned, well thought-out efforts, listen to them. You can decide later whether or not you want to follow their advice." But the most important thing I wanted to tell our little ones was this, "Chill out. This is supposed to be fun. Don't sweat the small stuff and, as the book says, anything that begins and end within an hour IS small stuff." So, parents, RE staff, members of the community, can you help me relay these messages to our young people? 'Cause I think they need to hear it from as

many people as possible (before their heads explode).

And parents, RE staff, members of the community, as we relay these messages to our young people, we may need to take a good listen, too. You see, all of those little things that interrupt the joy of our community, disrupt the love that we feel for each other, and causes stress in our lives distracts us from the big things like the joy of our community and the love that we feel for each. Besides, sweating the small stuff can, quite literally, make you explode.

Thank you,
Tisha L. Richardson



In the RE Classrooms

During the month of April, our young friends recognized the Easter holiday with our annual Easter Can Hunt for Justice. We also dyed eggs and talked about the other holidays of the Spring season.

The eXtreme Learning Squad D (aka Upper Elementary class) discussed the concept of Privilege. They have also begun working on a service for the lower elementary class.

Weeks spent in the larger sanctuary will finally be put to use. Both classes also celebrated Earth Day through discussion and creative artwork.

Goodloe Activities

Goodloe Readers

Thursday May 17, 7:30pm
[“The Fight of the Century”](#)

This month’s discussion is an article rather than a book. The article is available online, click the link above or visit this URL:

<http://richardheinberg.com/237-the-fight-of-the-century>

If you have trouble accessing it, contact Laird Towle.

Social Justice Film

Friday, May 4, 7:00pm
 Tying the Knot

This documentary takes a concerted look at the heated and ongoing debate about same-sex marriage in the United States. Focusing on two gay couples who've become entangled in laws forbidding homosexual wedlock, the film puts a human face on the issue. Included are interviews chronicling marriage's evolution through the centuries and a discussion by proponents, who debunk the arguments against gay unions. Jim de Seve directs.

Religious Exploration Summer Volunteers Needed

The children of the RE program continue to need adult volunteers during the summer months to help as teaching assistants, and supervise special events. No special knowledge or prior experience necessary. There will always be at least one other adult helping. If nothing else, please consider being listed as a “standby” volunteer. Contact the DRE, Tisha Richardson, for more information: religiousexploration@goodloeuu.org

PFLAG

Friday, May 18, 7pm

Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays provides 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.

Spiral Scouts

Spiral Scouts meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the RE room. This co-ed group earns badges, goes camping, and much more. For more information, contact Misty Cole. playmisty4me@gmail.com

Goodloe Activities (Continued)

New Goodloe Women's Group Forming

Jill York has graciously taken the lead on forming a new Women's Group for Goodloe. Ideally, participants will take turns hosting a variety of activities. Jill is seeking input from women who are interested in this. Please contact her via email (jillyrk@yahoo.com) or talk to her in person after

Sunday services. Please consider the following questions:

- ◆ How often would you like to get together? Monthly?
- ◆ When are good days and times for you to meet?
- ◆ What would you like to do?
- ◆ Go bowling?
- ◆ Go skydiving?
- ◆ Watch a meaningful movie, or just a fun one?
- ◆ Go to a restaurant and talk about a certain issue?
- ◆ Other comments or ideas?

Goodloe Coffee House

Saturday April 21, 7:30pm

What is the Coffee House?

Do you like to recite poetry? Have a short piece of fiction or a song or two to share? Perhaps a dance or other performing art talent? It takes only \$1 for performers and \$5 for audience members, in exchange for which you can plan a nice, relaxed evening of entertainment by and for both members of Goodloe and guests as well.

Bring a Friend and a Dish to share!

Everyone is welcome to attend. We never know what will happen from one month to the next. Bring your friends

and enjoy an evening out, and a laugh or two along the way.

Got kids?

If your kids are older, they're welcome to contribute as performers or audience members. We'll also have movies available to watch in our nearby blue room. If you have younger kids and you need a sitter, please let us know and we'll see about arranging one for you. We may need help to cover the cost of the sitter, but we'll never know if you need one if you don't let us know!

Email coffeeshouse@goodloeuu.org or call 301-922-1865 and chat with Betsy Marks Delaney, for more information.



Upcoming Events

Goodloe Annual Congregational Dinner

Saturday May 5
Appetizers 5:30pm
Dinner 6:00pm

Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, side dish, salad, main dish, dessert).

Note: This event replaces potluck Sunday.

Signup sheets are posted in the Coffee area.

Please volunteer to help with the following tasks:

- ◆ Setup (4pm)
- ◆ Cleanup
- ◆ Entertainment
- ◆ Child Care: If you plan to use child care, please volunteer for one 30min time period.



Yard Sale (Fundraiser)

Saturday June 2, 7:30am-12pm

Save the date!! Start collecting items for the sale!
Bake sale: Volunteer to provide home-baked goods!

Sign-up sheets are posted in the coffee area.

Group leaders are responsible for coordinating a small group of volunteers to accomplish a specific task; it is their responsibility to make sure the entire task is completed.

If no name is listed next to "volunteer" or "leader" we still need your help.

The following slots still need to be filled:

- Making/Posting Signs;
- Accepting Donations;
- Setup Fri June 1 evening;
- Sales/Service Sat June 2;
- Cleanup (including trucks/vans to bring remaining items to Goodwill).

Contact Jackie Lord (snolord@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Please volunteer to help make this fundraiser a success!

Adult Summer Discussion

Interested in World Religions? Curious about Early Christianity? Want to know about Jesus or the Axial Sages?

Some people have expressed interest in a discussion group using courses from the Teaching Company. In the past, we have studied

the Transcendentalists, many of whom were Unitarian ministers. The professors tell a compelling and interesting story. The courses come with study guide.

Maybe we can spend a relaxing summer evening

with a light meal. We can watch a couple of lessons in an hour, and then talk for a couple of hours. It is always interesting to learn from each other. If you are interested, please contact Ken Shilling
pinball157@aol.com.

2012 UUA Justice General Assembly

2012 UUA JUSTICE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ORIENTATION/BRIEFING FOR PROSPECTIVE GA ATTENDEES

(Sponsored by the Chesapeake UU Growth (ChUUG) Committee)

Saturday, May 12, 2012
Cedar Lane Unitarian
Universalist Church
9601 Cedar Lane
Bethesda, Maryland
(In Chalice House,
above the main building)

11:00 - 11:30 a.m. FREE
Coffee, juice, bagels and
fruit, as well as some lunch
type food.

11:30 - 1:00 p.m. GA
Preview, Orientation, Q&A
Leader: Natalia (Natty)
Averett (UUA Trustee)

- ◆ Learn what goes on at the General Assembly
- ◆ A focus on Immigration and Justice - working with Arizona Partners
- ◆ Plenary Sessions,

Workshops, Worship, and Entertainment

- ◆ Doing Your Association's Business
 - The election of a new UUA Moderator
 - A vote on the repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery

- ◆ Choosing the next Congregational Study/Action Issue
- ◆ (CSAI) for 2012-16
- ◆ Climate Action and Adaptation Plans: Why Greenhouse Gases and their Effects Matter to Us
- ◆ Ending Slavery
- ◆ Exploring Class Barriers

- ◆ Families, Population, and the Environment
- ◆ Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling
- ◆ How to get the most out of GA
 - Responsibilities of Delegates
 - Special events not to be missed
 - Programs for Youth
 - Survival Tactics

Please RSVP by email to: jgunn2000@aol.com if you plan to attend, and include the name of your congregation.

Want to attend the annual UU General Assembly but can't afford the travel? Consider being an off-site delegate and listening to some programs and the meetings via the web. Visit <http://www.uua.org/ga/business/offsite/index.shtml> for more information and to register online. The registration fee is \$100.00. Please let Rev. Snavelly or board president, Steve Buckingham know if you will attend in this way.

Special Interests

Reproductive Justice—Call for Stories

As the women's issues advocate here at the UUA, I have been honored to hear stories of UU congregations and activists who have been working for reproductive justice since before *Roe v. Wade* made it legal to do so. Whether we hosted clinics in church basements, drove women across borders, or argued before the Supreme Court, UUs have a long

history of doing this work, of which we can be proud!

Over the next few months, I will be collecting and publicizing these stories, and I would love to hear from you! Ask people in your congregation how they worked for reproductive justice. Ask the ministers you know, ask someone of an older or

younger generation than you. Help write down their stories so that more people will know the legacy and capacity that we as Unitarian Universalists have to work for reproductive justice.

Thanks so much ~ Jess Halperin
Send me your stories at jhalperin@uua.org!



SERC Educational Activities for Children & Families

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) is open to the public Monday-Saturday from 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

Public programs are designed for individuals and families. Additional programs are available for schools and organized

groups. Check our website at www.serc.si.edu for a list of age-appropriate environmental education programs, information about trails, and upcoming events. For information about programs for organized groups call (443) 482-2388.

All programs meet at the Reed Education Center and are free unless otherwise stated. Directions to SERC can be found online at www.serc.si.edu. Preregistration is required for some of the programs by calling (443) 482-2300.

Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2012



Attendees:

Cyn Snavely, Steve Buckingham, Kevin Smith, Kathy Weber, Jackie Lord, Barbara Puccio.

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

Meeting was opened with a reading from Cyn Snavely.

Minutes from February's minutes were approved.

The Board has received positive feedback from the Congregational Meeting.

The BSU Scholarship commitment has been met.

A Contribution/ Reimbursement form has been developed and is now available - it is to be used to either get reimbursement for or to show the contribution of approved services/good bought for the building/congregation.

Barbara is gathering information in order to research refinancing the mortgage.

Staff job descriptions are still being reviewed and updated.

Once completed these, along with committee descriptions, will be made available for review by anyone interested.

Members are being approached to participate on the DRE Search Committee.

Goals and objectives for staff evaluations are being developed the Committee on Ministry.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm

\$\$\$ Contributions \$\$\$

For those of you who donate goods & services to the congregation, please remember to complete the new Contribution/ Reimbursement form so that our Financial Officer can keep track of this information. It is important for budget tracking and will make it easier if you later need a receipt for tax purposes.

Also, if you haven't yet completed and returned your annual pledge form, please do so. More blank forms are available in the lobby.

Thank you!

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% 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.

March	
Giant Scrip	\$ 95
Amazon	\$ 7

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6:30 Spiral Scouts 7:00 Choir Practice	4 7:30 Social Justice Film/Discussion	5 Full Moon ○ 5:30 Congregational Dinner
6 10:30 Worship/RE	7	8 7:00 Board of Trustees 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	9	10 7:00 Choir Practice	11	12
13 10:30 Worship/RE	14	15	16	17 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30 Goodloe Readers	18 7:00 PFLAG	19 7:30 Open Mic Coffeehouse
20 9:00 RE Committee 10:30 Worship/RE	21	22 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	23	24 7:00 Choir Practice	25	26
27 10:30 Worship/RE 12pm Chinese Buffet	28	29	30	31		

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Notice: Lorraine Webb, Maryland Notary

Lorraine Webb, a certified Maryland Notary, offers her services, free of charge, to Goodloe Memorial members and friends. If you would like to utilize her notary services, contact her: (301) 218-1516 or llacey33@verizon.net.

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Diane Rappaport 301-249-0890.

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Deadline for Next Odyssey:

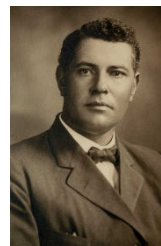
May 22nd, 2012

Please email submissions to

goodloe.newsletter@gmail.com.

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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