



# Odyssey

June 2013

## Sunday Services

This schedule may be adjusted. Any changes will be communicated through email, and in some cases, more detailed information as it becomes available.

**June 2** *Multigenerational Religious Exploration Sunday*  
Rev. Anastassia Zinke

We celebrate the warmth and abundance of summer even as we acknowledge that the days will now grow shorter.

**June 9** *Connection—My Holy Word*  
Rev. Cyn Snavelly

If I had to choose just one word to express my theology it would not be God or faith or hope but connection. It is the way we relate to one another that is at the heart of my faith.

**Congregational Meeting is on June 9 at noon.**

**June 16** *Sports, Men and Faith*  
Rev. Cyn Snavelly

More men gather around TV sets and in sports arenas than in places of worship. What are men finding in games that they are not finding in religious community?

**June 23** *A Summer Solstice Celebration*  
Rev. Cyn Snavelly

**June 30** *The Unitarian Universalism that Calls Me*  
Rev. Anastassia Zinke

What are the promises of our faith? What is the Unitarian Universalism that calls us into community and to go out into the world.

**July 7** *Patriotism*  
Rev. Cyn Snavelly

Mark Twain wrote, "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."

**July 14** *The Self: Who Are You, Really?*  
Rev. Don Beaudreault

In a seminary class Don Beaudreault and the other students were told to break into pairs and ask each other various questions, one of which was "Who are you, really"? Each question was asked three times, attempting to "go deeper" into the consciousness

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of the one attempting to answer the question. Don is still grappling with that one question four decades later. Part of Don's "self" is as a professional jazz piano player – which he will share with us.

The Rev. Don Beaudreault served Unitarian Universalist churches throughout the United States, England, Australia and New Zealand for over 30 years. He is also a trained chaplain, working in hospitals, mental facilities, and senior centers. Before that he was a teacher, serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in The Philippines, teaching Technical English to helicopter pilots in Iran, and teaching music in American

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Samoa. He holds four academic degrees and two certifications. He is also a professional jazz and rag-time pianist, a competitive long-distance runner, and a published author. He has two grown daughters and enjoys retirement with his partner Juan Rivera and dog Lacy in Puerto Vallarta, MX.

### **July 21** *The Use of the Democratic Process*

Steve Buckingham

Our fifth UU principle calls on us to exercise our conscience and to promote the democratic process. How do we do this, and what challenges do we face within our congregations and in society at large?

### **July 28** *Miracles*

Dick Wobus

### **August 4** *The Role of the Minister*

Rev. Cyn Snavely

I have met leaders of congregations who act as the head of the congregation, assigning tasks to people, and expecting that their orders

will be carried out. I have met leaders of other congregations who see their role as only to study and to teach and to then simply trust that the leaders of the congregation will make decisions based on what has been taught. I see my own role as somewhere in between.

**August 11** Details to be provided through email.

### **August 18** *Why the Moon Matters to Me*

Betsy Delaney

### **August 25** *Blessing of the Animals* *(multigenerational)*

Well-behaved pets are welcome at this service. We will celebrate how animals have blessed us, and consider how we may be a blessing to them.

**September 1** Sunday service led by Sally Raymond



## UU Mid-Atlantic Community (UUMAC)

There are lots of vacations that are fun, but not too many that have the potential to change your life. This experience of intentional all-ages community springs up at DeSales University in Pennsylvania for one short week each July.

This year's UUMAC is July 14-20. Based on the principles of Unitarian Universalism, campers of all ages have an opportunity to play, learn, worship and create together while enjoying the luxury of air-conditioned dorms, wonderful food, and a serene vacation atmosphere. Activities are plentiful and include a variety of

workshops, children's and teen programs, morning and evening worship services, a theme speaker, a carnival, off campus trips including whitewater rafting, and lots more on campus fun. Shared babysitting allows parents to participate in evening activities after the children have gone to bed. Scholarships are available as are opportunities to defray your cost by volunteering for a staff position. Do all of it or just relax, you will be transformed by this amazing community. Facilities cater to special needs. For more information visit [www.uumac.org](http://www.uumac.org).

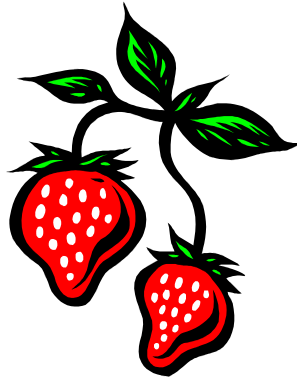
## From the Minister



Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

I have a strawberry plant in a hanging basket in my front yard. I have enjoyed watching it bloom. In the last week those blooms have been turning into green fruit. I am now watching berries grow. I look forward to watching green turn to pink turn to red. Then, provided that I get to them before the birds do, I anticipate eating sweet, red berries.

Strawberries remind me of my childhood. My father had an extra income source in a large (quarter acre) strawberry patch. I remember summer evenings spent picking berries, my father finishing a row and a half to my third to half a row. After picking my father would sit and sort the berries, putting the largest on top of the baskets. Then we would pile into the car and go with him to peddle berries to the neighbors.



On some June nights the main course of a summer supper was hot shortcake, strawberries and milk in bowls.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe wrote that, "One must ask children and birds how cherries and strawberries taste." But when I eat strawberries I am again a child, and all the world is sweet and good.

Perhaps for you it is not strawberries but a peach just off the tree or a tomato warm from the vine. But I hope you too have some taste of summer that gives you joy.

I give thanks for strawberries.

Blessed Be,  
Cyn

## UUA General Assembly

You are invited to attend the 2013 General Assembly (GA) in Louisville, Kentucky from June 19-23, 2013. The theme of this GA is "From Promise to Commitment." Building on the experience of Justice GA, we will gather in Louisville to examine and renew our covenant to our faith, one another, our congregations and the larger world.

Most General Assembly events will be held in the Kentucky International Convention Center, 221 Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Google Map.

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association

(UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates.

All participants and attendees of GA programmed events must be registered. Children (younger than high school age) are welcome to attend GA events with their parents or guardians at no cost, but are still required to register.

Registration is open, with pre-registration ending June 7. To find out more information and to register, visit the [UUA website](#).

# Religious Exploration

## Spirit Play Corner

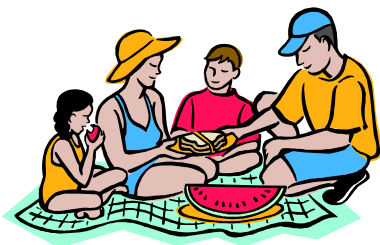
Summer is here. I cannot believe how quickly my year with you has gone. I feel so much gratitude for my time with you, for your warmth and hospitality, and for the opportunity to connect with our youngest souls. The children of Goodloe Memorial are interesting, insightful, kind, sweet and especially creative. On my drive home on Sundays, I always liked to think about what they shared, expressed, or how they acted with one another. They are great teachers. If you have not yet volunteered with the religious exploration program, I would recommend it. I am happy to announce that we may need more adult volunteers as the average attendance has increased from 2 to 4 children, and we have had as many as 7 on a Sunday.

June 2nd is the Religious Exploration worship service. At this multigenerational service, the children will present a short play, and we will all reflect together. We will also thank our wonderful and dedicated RE volunteers. I hope you will all make it.

June 30 will be my last day as your religious education consultant. Over the summer the RE committee will oversee the administration of the program, and your new Director of Religious Exploration will start in August. My blessings on your journey ahead.

Be well, and do good.

Anastassia Zinke,  
Religious  
Exploration  
Consultant



This summer, we will continue to offer Spirit Play. Currently, below are the stories that are set to be shared. Please check, as the offerings may change.

- ◆ **June 2** RE Service: What is our work?
- ◆ **June 9** Let's Make Music: Steve will lead the children in singing favorite hymns.
- ◆ **June 16** Gaura Devi Saves the Trees: A Multicultural Ecological Story
- ◆ **June 23** Life of Mohammad, Part 1: Let's learn about Islam and its founding prophet.
- ◆ **June 30** Life of Mohammad, Part 2
- ◆ **July 7** The Five Pillars of Islam
- ◆ **July 9** Potentially a trip to join Muslims in the celebration of Ramadan
- ◆ **July 14** A fasting potluck: discussion of the meaning of Ramadan
- ◆ **July 21** An Infinity of Questions: The Story of Astronomer Maria Mitchell
- ◆ **July 28** The Miracle of 2 Fishes and 5 Loaves of Bread
- ◆ **August 4** David and Goliath
- ◆ **August 11** The Very Short Rule: An exploration of the golden rule.
- ◆ **August 18** James Reeb and the Call to Selma: Exploring our legacy of justice-making.
- ◆ **August 25** Because Nothing Looks Like God: Exploring our faith beliefs.

# Goodloe Activities

## Goodloe Readers

Thursday June 20, 7:30pm

[\*Made in America: An Informal History of the English Language in the United States\*](#)  
by Bill Bryson

This book is **not available** in the local library and should not be confused with Bryson's other book, *Mother Tongue*. The link above is for the Amazon.com listing where you can read others' reviews and see new and used book list prices.

The book choices for July and August are both available through the PG County library. Editorial and customer reviews at Amazon.com are available through their respective links below.

Thursday July 18. [\*Raising Elijah: Protecting Our Children in an Age of Environmental Crisis\*](#) by Sandra Steingraber

Thursday August 15, 7:30pm. [\*When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Lives of Animals\*](#) by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson and Susan McCarthy

## Spiral Scouts

Spiral Scouts will continue to meet through the summer, though the regular meet times are impacted by holidays (4th of July, etc) and family vacation schedules. Additional activities will take place during the summer, such as hiking and swimming. Please contact Misty Cole for upcoming meetings and activities. [playmisty4me@gmail.com](mailto:playmisty4me@gmail.com)

## Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday June 7, 7:00pm

[\*Welcome to Shelbyville\*](#) (70 minutes)

Set against the backdrop of a shaky economy, *Welcome to Shelbyville* takes an intimate look at a southern town as its residents – whites and African Americans, Latinos and Somalis – grapple with their beliefs, their histories and their evolving ways of life.

This is the same film as was listed for May but was postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. Please note that the film/discussion group will be on hold for the remainder of the Summer and will meet again in September.

## PFLAG

Bowie PFLAG is on hiatus until mid August/early September when we will join with the Glen Dale group to become one Prince George's County PFLAG. The re-launch will include a social gathering and all-new monthly programming that is currently under development.

PFLAG (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.

# More Goodloe Activities

## Congregational Meeting

Sunday June 9, noon

Please join us for a follow-up to our Annual Meeting. There are two orders of business:

1. Election of Additional Officers
  - Congregation Representative to Committee on Ministry
  - Nominating Committee members
2. Discussion and Vote on the Education Ministry Proposal

## Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)

The current ARE series, *Cultural Literacy for Religion*, is continuing through the end of June. The next series, to begin in September, is listed below.

ARE is also seeking additional volunteer facilitators, as our previous facilitator, Gayle Scroggs, has recently moved out of the local area. For more information, please contact Ken Shilling pinball157@aol.com.

**Beginning this Fall.** [\*Spirit in Practice: 10 Workshops for UU Adults.\*](#)

Spirit in Practice was created to help Unitarian Universalists develop regular disciplines, or practices, of the spirit—

practices that help them connect with the sacred ground of their being, however they understand it. The program affirms religious diversity while seeking unity in our communal quest for meaning and wholeness. Whether participants follow a path they identify as Humanist, Jewish, Christian, Pagan, Theist, Atheist, Agnostic, Mystic, and/or any of the other paths we follow in our diverse congregations, these ten workshops offer a forum for learning, sharing, and growth that can enrich their faith journeys. Workshops cover UU Spirituality, personal and communal practices, spiritual partnerships, mind/body/soul/life/justice practices.

## Bowie Springs Meditation

The Bowie Springs Meditation group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month from 7:15 until around 9:00. Three rotating facilitators lead the group in sitting meditation, walking mediation, and a dharma talk and discussion. Participants are invited to stay and enjoy a cup of tea following the activity on 4th Tuesdays.

*In April, Goodloe earned  
\$19 through the  
Amazon.com fundraiser.*

# Learning, Growing, & Helping

## Weekend Workshop: Transforming Our Whiteness

You are invited to register to attend the Transforming Our Whiteness Weekend Workshop scheduled for August 2-4, 2013 at the Washington Ethical Society in Washington, DC.

Come and be a part of the broader Unitarian Universalist effort to build an anti-racist multicultural religious community. UU Allies for Racial Equity invites white All Souls members and friends to this weekend workshop on whiteness.

Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Cole Jones for more information on that [atpcolejones@gmail.com](mailto:atpcolejones@gmail.com).

## OK Disaster Relief

The Southern Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has established a relief fund with immediate assistance and long-term aid to help the people of Oklahoma who were impacted by the recent deadly tornado.

Please make out any checks to "UU Oklahoma Relief Fund" and send them to:

UU Oklahoma Relief Fund  
c/o P.O. Box 560246  
Orlando, FL 32856-0246

You can also donate online and learn more about this fund on the Southern Region website.

We can make the world a better place by caring for one another, near and far. Thank you for helping our UU congregations and individuals in Oklahoma.

## Speaking Engagement: The Other Side of The Wall

Daoud Nassar, A Palestinian Farmer and Founder of Tent of Nations.

The Nassars are a Christian family whose farm is surrounded by Israeli Settlements. Although they live under constant threats that their land will be confiscated, they strive to maintain a haven of peace through their work with the Tent of Nations Project. Living out the dream of their father, the land has become a center for peace and local education. Visitors from all over the world, including many Israelis, come to discuss peace strategies, learn organic farming, teach at the Women's Education Center, and lead activities during Youth Summer Camps. In spite of destructive threats by Israeli Defense Forces, and neighboring hostile settlers, the Tent of Nations has become a place for pursuing a just peace through nonviolent activities. At their front gate, a sign reads in three languages, "We Refuse to be Enemies".

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
5533 North 16th St.  
Arlington, Va. 22205  
Sunday, June 23rd  
Preaching at Services  
9:00 AM @ 11:15 AM



# Board Meeting Minutes\*

April 11, 2013

\* The format of the Minutes has been condensed for space while preserving content.

**Attendees:** Cynthia Snavely, Steve Buckingham, Catherine Weber, Barbara Puccio, Kris Peerman, Kevin Smith.

**Nominating Committee:** Sid Soderholm is joining the Committee on Ministry and has accepted the nomination for financial officer. Sally at large, Pete at Large. Cathy said that even though she does not want to continue as VP, she would like to continue to attend board meetings. We are still looking for a nomination for vice president. Cathy will continue as treasurer. We also still need nominating committee people. Barbara volunteered to be part of the nominating committee.

**Building/facilities/aesthetics – Repairs & Improvements:**

The Heating unit has been repaired still need to do the fans. Sally has been told what needs to be completed. The cost to repair the heating unit was \$1000.

**Financial:**

There have been 18 pledges for a total of 55,000. There are possible 11 more pledges

that pledged last year. We either need to make more pledges or to have a deficit during next year. Last year the pledge amount was 91,000 and we are currently at 66,000 for the current year. Scripts have earned 2500. We do not currently have the Amazon numbers.

The financial audit was conducted on Sunday. There was a suggestion about putting everything in Quicken. We are going to add the other accounts such as scripts and etc. to Quicken.

We started in September with \$124k on the mortgage. Cathy suggests using the mutual fund to pay down the mortgage. There was a counter suggestion that we use the savings account and keep the mutual fund since the latter yields more money. Cathy suggested using the \$10k to pay down the mortgage. We will save about \$500 the first year on savings in interest. The decision was made to pay down the mortgage from the savings account.

**Upcoming Activities:**

There was a discussion about giving a gift for Anastassia. The Child Dedication will be during the service.



There is a group of people signed up to help out with Christmas in April. We are participating with Davies UU congregation.

We need to put a sign up about the visit to Patuxent on April 28. After finishing with Chinese food. The group can head to Patuxent about 1pm then could take the tram at 2pm. People can bring dogs as long as they are on a leash. They are not allowed in the building.

The Murder Mystery fundraiser/pot luck will be on May 11 at the Peerman's house. The board decided on the mansion theme. There are currently 5 people signed up and 25-30 expected.

The annual meeting will be May 19. There will be a discussion about the education ministry. Will we be presenting a budget at the annual meeting? The budget will be approved by the board and presented to the congregation.

There was a proposal for a retreat for June 1, 10am-2pm with the old and new board members.

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**Religious Exploration:**

The RE Candidate recommended by Anastassia will be completing a Master’s degree in Early Childhood Education. She would like to eventually go into RE ministry. Is this going to be something she wants to stay with for a while or will she be moving? We need someone to build and continue to build the program. The RE director will have input to the advertisement of the RE

program. We need a RE director to take a leadership role in developing the program. The spirit play model will continue for the RE Program. Her long term goal is religious education ministry. The budget for the RE director is \$7700 and \$750 for expenses. She was interviewed by the RE Committee and all seemed impressed with her credentials.

**Handout Updates:**

We need to look at Goodloe Handouts. Dick Morris is

working on the RE committee handout. Just do the principles in the handout.

**Minister’s Report:**

We have a lot of people doing things that we need to seek other volunteers to accomplish the administrative tasks. We need to look at the job description of the ministers role. We do need more structure who does what for administrative tasks.

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## Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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240-475-2111 (cell)

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Congregation** is named  
for Don Speed Smith  
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