



Odyssey

September 2013

Sunday Services

Sept 1 *Perseverance*

Sally Raymond

Perseverance may be the most significant attribute humans possess, but can there be perseverance to excess?

Sept 8 *Multigenerational Water Communion Ingathering Service*

Water Communion has been a Unitarian Universalist tradition just since the 1980s. Bring some water from a place special to you to place in our shared waters bowl. We begin the service with water shared in previous years. Throughout the year we may use these waters in child dedication ceremonies or send some with someone moving from the area to be added to their new congregation's waters. This service traditionally begins our new congregational year.

Sept 15 *The Sound of the Shofar*

Rev. Cyn Snavely

Yom Kippur begins at sundown Friday, September 13 and ends the season known in the Jewish calendar as the High Holy Days which began with Rosh Hashanah. The shofar, an instrument made from a ram's horn is sounded on Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. The various sounds of the instrument are said to speak to the heart.

Sept 22 *Ah Ahimsa*

Rev. Cyn Snavely

This year I asked congregants to suggest various pieces of music to use in the service. Barbara Morris suggested a children's song, "Ah Ahimsa" by the Deedle Deedle Dees. On this Sunday after the International Day of Peace on September 21 a song called, Ahimsa, a term that means "do no harm" or "nonviolence" seemed a fitting piece on which to base our service.

Sept 29 *Altars and Shrines*

Rev. Cyn Snavely

I have seen them in Catholic, Hindu and Pagan homes and Buddhist nail salons, the shrine with images of gods and/or goddesses, food offerings, candles or incense. I have seen the American roadside or sidewalk shrine to the dead with stuffed animals, flowers, notes and bottles of the deceased's favorite drink. Visible symbols, ritual movements—how may these connect others and maybe some of us to the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

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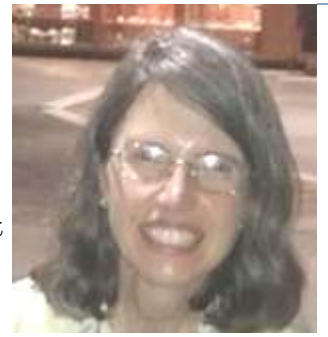
Oct 6 *Hunger*

Rev. Cyn Snavely

Today will be the Bowie CROP Walk that supports the Bowie Food Pantry locally and wider programs to address hunger in the world. How we eat affects our own health, the health of the environment and the health of others. Ethical eating is a phrase I have only learned in the last few years. What it means is vast.



From the Minister



Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

Some of you saw me in the news this August. The police officer who serves with me on the Prince George's County LGBTQ Youth Task Force asked me, "Would I officiate at a ceremony for a re-interment of bones that had been accidentally unearthed in 2003 in doing ground tests for a planned housing development. The Major wanted someone who would lead a service that could cross sectarian religious lines. I agreed to write and officiate at a ceremony.

The police had been called when the bones had been unearthed to what some thought might be a crime scene. The police forensics department did not find the bones to be part of a modern crime scene but bones from over a century ago. It was determined that the site where the bones had been unearthed was a small cemetery. The other dozen or so graves determined to be on the site were not disturbed, but the bones of the person which had been unearthed were sent to the Smithsonian. The bones were of an African American male. He smoked a clay pipe. He had a diet high in protein. He did hard physical labor. That is much to know from bones.

But, so much could not be known. What was his name? Did he have a lover? Children? Did he live as a slave or free or both at different times in his life?

The little cemetery where this man's bones were unearthed is one of two cemeteries on the property now owned by the brother of another Prince George's County police officer. He is in the process of restoring the old house that sits near the road. There is what was probably the Clagett family cemetery in the woods up near the house. Back some

distance from the house is the cemetery of the man whose re-interment ceremony I officiated. It probably originally was near sharecropper or slave quarters.

The land was not developed. It is now in a land conservancy. There is hope that with the help of some donations the cemetery might eventually have a marker and be fenced. The ceremony I officiated was a ceremony for one man's re-interment and a re-consecration of the ground.

In 2012 Rev. Diane Teichert of the Paint Branch UU Church in Adelphi and I served together along with many others on a planning committee put together by Ysaye Barnwell, composer and member of All Souls Church, Unitarian in DC. The University of Maryland was producing Barnwell's "Requiem for Fortune's Bones." Barnwell says, "Many of you have heard me talk about "The Requiem" for the bones of the slave, Fortune, who died in Waterbury, CT in 1798 and whose skeleton was preserved intact for generations until given to the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury in 1930. Marilyn Nelson's masterfully written poem recounts Fortune's story with profound eloquence and it is this poem that I was commissioned to set for the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra, chorus and 7 soloists. The REQUIEM premiered in Waterbury, CT on May 9, 2009...." Along with the production of the requiem there was a year of programs with discussions on race, on medical use of body parts, and on religious views on the proper respect to show the dead.

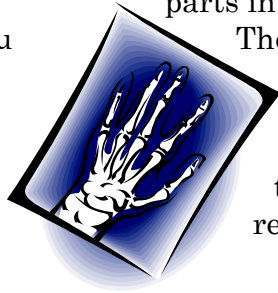
I officiated at the re-interment of the unknown man of Clagetts's Landing Rd. on



From the Minister (Continued)

Saturday, August 3. On Wednesday, August 7 I received an email which said in part, "It is with solemn joy that I relay this message from Ysaye Barnwell to inform you that Mr. Fortune will have a full service funeral and Christian burial on Thursday, September 12 at 4 pm in St. John's Episcopal Church in Waterbury, CT. There will be communion and music from the African American Episcopal hymnal." This was the same day that it was announced that the family of Henrietta Lacks had come to an agreement with the NIH director regarding having rights to use of Mrs Lacks' tissue (HeLa cells) and related data .

Unitarian
Universalists often do not have our own bodies buried. Many of us are organ and tissues donors. Some of us donate our entire body to science. But, we make these decisions for ourselves. Others do not use our bodies without our consent. Neither Fortune nor Lax were given a choice in how their body parts were used. And even those of us who do not believe that we are our corpse, even those of us who give our body for scientific



research or medical training, expect that young aspiring doctors and scientists will not use our organs, bones or other body parts in pranks and stunts.

The body once housed a person. Even in death we expect the body to be treated with respect.

I was honored to create and officiate at the re-interment ceremony for the unknown man of Clagett's Landing Rd. I said in part, "We do not know this man, but he walked this ground before us. He is one of the ancestors of this place. And as we live here now, he is our ancestor.

And so, as we re-inter these bones we pour a libation.

"Libation: 'Our fathers and mothers came here, lived, loved, struggled and built here. At this place, their love and labor rose like the sun and gave strength and meaning to the day. For them, then, who gave so much we give in return. On this same soil we will sow our seeds..... And may we

remember and honor our ancestors and the legacy they left for as long as the sun shines and the waters flow.....'

Maulana Karenga

"Spirits of this land, of the rocks and trees, of the plants and animals, of those who walked here long before us, we return to you now these bones. You have received them once before. We come with respect, to ask you to receive them again. In returning to the land the dead and re-consecrating this ground, we ask to become a part of this place, connected to these people who came before us. May the spirits of those buried here again be honored. This body we recommit to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. May the living now bless the dead and the dead now bless the living. Amen."



From the President: Moving Forward



With the end of summer, thoughts turn to the beginning of the “church year” which roughly coincides with the public school year. This year, the timing is even more appropriate since we are launching the new Education Ministry approved by the congregation in June.

We are now listed by the State Board of Education as a “nonpublic institution (education ministry) operated by a bona fide church organization” registered and authorized to supervise home instruction provided by parents. As directed by the congregation, the Board of Trustees prepared the necessary documentation, along with forms for parents to register with us, and an agreement appointing Kellie Rolstead as our agent to operate the program. We have great expectations that our new Homeschooling Umbrella Group (HUG) will provide meaningful support for parents who have chosen to provide quality instruction for their children.

Since our members also expressed an interest in supporting our local public schools as part of our Education Ministry, we are looking into ways to do this. Ideas or suggestions are welcome.

This September, we are also welcoming a new Director of Religious Exploration (DRE), Alethea Shiplett, who will be continuing the Spirit Play curriculum begun by Anastassia Zinke. Ms. Shiplett bring a wealth of experience, including more than a dozen years as Director of Montessori-based early learning programs for pre-K and early elementary learners at La Casa Montessori Rainbow School in Annapolis, and Spirit Play Facilitator/Trainer at the UU Church of Annapolis. Please give her as much support as you can so that our children will continue to have a meaningful RE experience.

In addition, we have found another way for our members and friends to give financial support to our

congregation through the eScript program.

This organization provides participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card, and debit/ATM card purchases to Goodloe. Visit the eScript family of merchants for a complete list of participants in the program. Those who generally shop at Safeway will now have an alternative to buying Giant gift cards.

Here's how it works:

You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program and identify Goodloe as the recipient of your contributions.

Participating merchants will make contributions to Goodloe, based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on our behalf.

For further information, please see here: <http://www.escrip.com/program/about.jsp>

The Board also held a brainstorming session on fundraising, and we have identifies several opportunities, some of which would align with our overall mission, some to support specific ministries, and some just for fun. We welcome any other ideas you may have.

As you can see, the summer has been busy for your leadership, and we have laid the groundwork for another successful church year. We look forward to engaging the congregations with more spiritual, social and community-building activities as the new year begins.



Steve Buckingham

Religious Exploration

A Message From Our New Director

Dear Families and Friends of Goodloe:

Thank you for your warm welcome during my visits this Summer. I am making new friends – young, old and in between – and beginning my work with many kind folks as we prepare for Fall.

I wonder if you've received those emails that I mentioned last week in church. I wonder if you've read them and are considering volunteering in our Spirit Play program or in our nursery. I hope so!

Working with children brings many benefits, most important of which may include strengthening the bonds of community and caring among the members in our church. Another, quite amazing, benefit may be the witness to the spiritual lives of young children. They have deep and rich spiritual lives and seek meaning from

their experiences and the world around them as we adults do.

If you would like to discover and share in the spiritual lives of our children, and nurture loving connections in our community, I invite you to consider volunteering, even just for a season, in R.E. this Fall. The journey begins by attending our orientation right after the "In-Gathering" service on September 8th.

It doesn't require much time. It doesn't require much planning. It only asks you to stretch a little in your spiritual practice, and share yourself and your gifts with the youngest and most tender members of our community.



Namaste!
Alethea Shiplett

RE & Nursery—Volunteers Needed

The Goodloe Religious Exploration Program starts a new year on September 15. We have a new Director of Religious Exploration (DRE), Alethea Shiplett. We need your help to make our RE program a success this year. Please volunteer for the following positions:

Teacher: A teacher is the storyteller in our Spirit Play program. We need teachers about two Sundays a month. You can choose the days you wish to volunteer. Orientation, guidelines, and story topics are provided

Nursery: Provides care for children before and during the first part of the service as needed. Provides care for children who

are too young for spirit play. You choose the days you wish to volunteer. Nursery is needed every Sunday.

A signup sheet will be available in the coffee area. Please sign the sheet even if you have previously volunteered. Your level of commitment depends on the number of volunteers.

Orientation for the RE program is Sunday September 8 at 12:00pm. Attendance is required of all volunteers.

- Meet the new DRE
- Learn about the RE program
- Signup for your preferred Sundays through December.

Goodloe Activities

Goodloe Readers

Thursday Sept 19, 7:30pm

[“When Elephants Weep: The Emotional Lives of Animals”](#)

by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson

One copy is available through the PG County Library, and digital/audio versions can be purchased online. The link contains editorial and readers’ reviews. You don’t have to read the entire book to be part of the discussion.

Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday Sept 6, 7:00pm

[The Cove \(2009\)](#) 92 minutes

A group of activists and filmmakers travels to the small village of Taiji, Japan, to secretly obtain footage of a heavily guarded operation that captures and kills scores of dolphins to use as meat.

Bowie Springs Meditation

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

Goodloe Coffee House

Returning from Summer Break

Saturday, Sept 21, 7:30pm

Share your talents or just relax and enjoy. Bring a dish to share as well as \$1 for performers and \$5 for audience members. Guests and friends are always welcome. Contact the coffeehouse coordinator if you need child care for younger children. For this as well as other information about Goodloe’s monthly coffee house event, contact Betsy Marks Delaney 301-922-1865 coffeehouse@goodloeuu.org

Spiral Scouts (Ages 3 & Up)

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. Contact Misty Cole. playmisty4me@gmail.com

Goodloe Youth Group

(Ages 13-18)

- Movie nights & possibly a bowling night coming soon.
- Opportunity to earn service credit hours by helping set up a stand at the farmer's market & requesting food pantry donations.
- Please consider joining the hand bell choir. A color-coded system is available so that you do not need to read sheet music. Practice twice/month & perform one Sunday/month. Please “try-in.”
- Discussions on faith issues: Help choose topics that interest you the most.

Goodloe’s Fundraiser Earnings Through Amazon.com

May—\$17

June—\$20

July—\$13

Thanks for remembering to click through our site for your purchases!

Opportunities & Special Events

CROP Walk

Want to contribute to reducing local and world-wide hunger? The Bowie CROP Walk is Sunday, October 6, at 1 PM at the St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 14900 Annapolis Road. Be a walker (3.5 miles or 1 mile) and solicit donations. Or, donate to a walker. You can also donate directly online (http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_md) by selecting the Bowie CROP Walk.

The Bowie Food Pantry will receive 25% of all contributions. By default, 75% of your donation will go to the Church World Service, a Christian organization providing food security, development, and disaster relief world-wide. If you wish, you can designate one of 180 alternate international development agencies (<http://www.interaction.org/member-directory>) to receive the 75% instead.

Families, especially those engaged in home schooling, and groups associated with Goodloe are urged to consider participating in some way. Contact Sid Soderholm (301-789-8638 or sidsoderholm@yahoo.com) to sign up to walk, to make a donation to a walker or to learn more about designating your donation.

LAST Call for Nominations for Social Justice Awards

To celebrate those working for social justice, UUSJ of the National Capital Region invites nominations for its 6th Annual Social Justice Awards. To make a nomination, please complete the form [online](#) no later than noon September 6, 2013. If you have sent a nomination and not received a receipt, please submit again. Questions? info@uusj.org or 202-600-9132.

The Warming Spirit of Community: 3rd Annual Delmarva UU Celebration

Sunday Oct 13, 10:30am
Cape Henlopen High School
1250 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE

Hosted by [UUs of Southern Delaware](#)
Event Chair: Pam Smith 302-424-4015
(patchesmom1and2@comcast.net)

Bed & Breakfast Arrangements for Oct 11-15 may be made thru UUSD. Stay with members of the UUSD and enjoy friendly environments, uncrowded beaches, tax-free shopping and more. Contact Linda Cangin Bennett at lindabgcb@comcast.net.

Seeking Applicants for UU Youth Ministry Coordinator

Cedar Lane, a large and vibrant UU congregation with a long history of excellence in religious education, seeks a new Coordinator of Youth Ministry to implement programs for 100+ youth in Grades 6 – 12, their advisors, teachers and families. You may view a full job description and contact information [online](#).

Board Meeting Minutes*

July 11, 2013



* The format of the Minutes has been condensed for space while preserving content as much as possible. Complete minutes and additional months' meetings are available by request.

Attendees: Cynthia Snavely, Steve Buckingham, Sid Soderholm, Kris Peerman, Sally Raymond, Pete Boudriault, Kevin Smith.

Repairs and Improvements and Building Access: Sally gave an update on recent improvements. The AC is out and will be fixed tomorrow 12 July. The refrigerant has leaked out in Unit E. Sid put the insulation where there was condensation on the HVAC unit.

Financial Issues: Sid placed a financial folder in the Gmail Dropbox. Last fiscal year we had \$8,700 more income than expenses for the past year. Barb did a heroic effort to sort everything before the pass off to Sid.

eScript & OneCard: Steve has started the process to get us signed up for eScript and the One Card. He will provide information for the newsletter & order of service.

Upcoming Activities: Most of the services are posted for the summer. The 3rd Sunday in August may be presented by a Muslim group. We still need volunteers for RE & nursery for an upcoming service.

Staffing: The new DRE contract & Choir Director contracts are ready. Board input is needed for the minister's job description.

Committee on Ministry: Representatives are needed for Noreen & Alethea. Sid volunteered to represent Alethea until a permanent member can be assigned.

Handouts: We are getting permissions & making final changes for the new General brochure and RE brochure. We will finalize them this month.

Education Ministry: Steve passed out a basic education ministry writeup, but it needs to be expanded. Steve & Kellie need to discuss contract & liability clauses.

Internet Presence: Action is underway to ensure that our Google account & Facebook page are up-to-date, and the correct people have access to them. Contact information that appeared in PDF files of archived Odyssey issues on the Goodloe website has been redacted by request. New member Michelle has volunteered to help with Goodloe's social media.

Communications Guidelines: Sally is continuing to look into this.

Interfaith Work Project: There was a discussion about the interfaith work project, similar to Christmas in April. There was an issue with mold in the house. There will be an

announcement made to the congregation to help this family fix their house.

End-of-Summer Cleanup Day: Pete will organize a Fall Cleanup activity for the church.

Adult RE: There was a discussion about the adult RE program and building your own theology. We have more people in our congregation that may be able to help this (and be less Euro-centric). We would need to sit down and rebuild the curriculum.

Advertising/off-site activities: Sally suggested that there is a need to establish guidelines for congregation members & leaders to use when communicating by email.

Fundraising: There was a discussion about possible fundraising opportunities.

Social Events & Activities: There was a discussion about expanding advertising our social activities in more venues and outreach to the wider local community. This may include musicians who may be interested in the coffeehouse events. Also, meetup forums such as the one used by the meditation group. More ideas & outreach would be beneficial.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Annual Financial Report

Summary Report of Income and Expenses for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
(All figures are rounded to the nearest \$100.)

SOCIAL ACTION (transfers of special collections to other organizations)

\$1,900 – Goodloe scholarship at Bowie State University
\$ 700 – Five second collections (UU for Social Justice, UU Legislative Ministry-Maryland, Washington Power and Light, UU Association Disaster Relief, UU Service Committee Guest At Your Table)

OPERATING INCOME

\$77,700 – Pledges and plate offerings
\$ 5,700 – Kaplan rentals
\$ 2,400 – Giant scrip sales
\$ 900 – Fund-raising events and miscellaneous income
\$ 400 – Amazon sales

Total Income for operations: \$88,000

Plus, there was Memorial Fund income totaling \$100 added to our savings account.

OPERATING EXPENSES

\$60,500 – Personnel (Minister, Director Religious Education, Choir Director, Accompanist)
\$29,700 – Facilities (mortgage, condo fees, insurance, utilities, maintenance, mortgage refinance fee)
\$ 3,400 – UU Association dues
\$ 1,500 – Joseph Priestly District dues
\$ 400 – Worship Honoraria
\$ 500 – Other expenses (Religious Education, Minister's discretionary fund, other small expenses)

Total Expenses for operations: \$96,000

We also paid down the mortgage by an extra \$10,000 from our reserve account when we refinanced.

Observations:

1. Many donate supplies without submitting a slip; this keeps our "other expenses" artificially low.
2. Recorded operating expenses exceeded operating income by \$8000 for fiscal year 2012-13, so our 2013-14 operating reserve was reduced.

Note: If you did not contribute as much toward your 2012-13 pledge as you intended, please submit your additional payment clearly marked "for 2012-13" during September, if at all possible.

Respectfully submitted by Sid Soderholm, Financial Officer, based on the excellent work of the previous Finance Committee and previous Financial Officer, Barb Puccio.

Save the Date—UUMAC 2014

Whether you come for the fun, the fellowship, the community or to dance "Rock Lobster" and the "Time Warp," now is the time to plan for next summer! UUMAC 2014 will be held on July 13-19, 2014, at DeSales University, Center Valley PA. The Theme Speaker will be Rev. Bruce Southworth from Community Church of New York and Rev. Sandra Fees from the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Berks County will be Minister of the Week. See you there!

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship/YRE 11:45 Adult RE	2 7:00 Choir	3	4	5 6:30 Spiral Scouts	6 7:30 Social Justice Film/Discussion	7
8 9:45 Family Choir Practice 10:30 Worship 11:30 Pot Luck	9 7:00 Choir	10 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	11	12 7:00 Board of Trustees	13	14
15 9:00 RE Committee 10:30 Worship/YRE 11:45 Adult RE	16 7:00 Choir	17	18	19 7:30 Goodloe Readers	20	21 7:30 Open Mic Coffeehouse
22 10:30 Worship/YRE 12:00 Chinese buffet	23 7:00 Choir	24 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	25	26	27	28
29 10:30 Worship	30 7:00 Choir	30				

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Deadline for Next Odyssey: Sept 22nd, 2013

Please email submissions to
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If you have changed your address, phone, or email, please let us know by emailing goodloe.memorial@gmail.com or call Jackie Lord 301-249-7713 or Nancy Choice 301-805-5345.

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