



## Odyssey

November 2013

### Sunday Services

**Nov 10** *Love Songs and Break Up Songs* Rev. Snavelly

When asked for songs meaningful to her Erin Delaney said, "Anything by Adele." I think I can speak for many when I say that often our ideas about relationships are formed by the songs we listen to as tweens and teens.

**Nov 17** *Prophets: Declaring New Worlds* Rev. Snavelly

What has to change for us to have a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all? Who is giving answers? To whom will we listen?

**Nov 24** *Multigenerational Bread Service*

This service will be led by our youth in the congregation.

**Dec 1** *Dedication* Rev. Snavelly

Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the temple. What does it mean to be dedicated as a congregation? To what do we want to dedicate the community of Goodloe?



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### Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Interfaith Council of Suburban Maryland will sponsor a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 27 at 7:30pm at Temple Solel 2901 Mitchellville Rd. Bowie, MD. The theme for this year's service, which takes place on Thanksgiving Eve and the first night of Hanukkah is "Dedication through Education" and the guest speaker is Dr. Kevin Maxwell, chief executive officer of the Prince George's County School system. Come at 6:30pm to sing in the interfaith choir. An offering of monies and staple goods will be taken for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry.

### Holiday Decorating at Goodloe Saturday, Dec 7

Please come to Goodloe on Saturday December 7, 9am to decorate for the holidays. Ms. Ale' will also have special activities for the children.

# From the Minister



Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

A few years ago I learned something about Squanto that I had never learned in school, despite hearing the story about how he had taught the pilgrims how to plant corn almost every grade school Thanksgiving. Squanto spoke English because he had been captured and taken to Europe as a slave. He was captured in 1614 and returned home in 1619 on his second attempt. Upon returning home he found his people had all died of an epidemic brought to the New World by the Europeans.

This man who had been enslaved and whose people had been decimated did not act with bitterness toward the Pilgrims but assisted them.

Frank Waters in his book, *Brave are My People: Indian Heroes Not Forgotten* writes, "The colonists were badly in need of help. Not knowing how to build log cabins, they



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erected houses of wattle and daub with steep thatched roofs. These flimsy cottages were too cold to live in, so the people remained on board the Mayflower until the ship sailed in early April... The Pilgrims did not doubt that Squanto was 'a special instrumente sent of God for their good beyond their expectation.'"

I am reminded of a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives." If all of the English had acted toward the Indians as Tisquantum (Squanto) had toward the Pilgrims our country might be a very different place.

Blessed Be,  
Cyn

## Murder Mystery Party Review

Goodloe's murder mystery party was a blast! The guests really immersed themselves in their character roles, improvising dramatic and hilarious interactions. The costumes were also excellent, though our illustrious singing astrologer (Dick Morris) unfortunately lost an earring in the course of the evening. The children were delighted that Alé brought her rabbit Zen Cookie to the party — And with the judicious use of game coins, she soon had the whole team of children employed as her personal espionage network. Alliances and

friendships were tested under mutual suspicions of murder, most foul. Belief was much suspended that our victim (Steve Lord) could be killed instantly with a butter knife and then go "woo-woo'ing" around the house (as a ghost) for the rest of the evening. Finally the killer (Kris Peerman) confessed and was foiled in his lackluster escape attempt. Certificates were awarded to those who got the most votes for Best Acting, Best Costume, and to the "Super Sleuths" who correctly deduced the killer.

# Religious Exploration Spirit Play Corner

## Are You A Starfish Tossers?

Do you remember the story of the starfish that I offered during "Time for All Ages" last month? It featured the efforts of one little child picking up one starfish at a time, from among thousands and thousands that had washed up on the shore, and tossed it back into the sea. Remember the man asked him, "Why are you even bothering to toss them back? There are so many! It won't make a difference."



The boy picked up another starfish, showed it to the man and responded, "It makes a difference to THIS one." And he tossed it into the sea.

The holidays are right around the corner, and we want to make a difference too in the lives of folks who do not have many of the things we take for granted. So we are launching the "Starfish Campaign".

We are inviting individuals and groups in the church to collect items typically needed by many during the winter season - food items, scarves and mittens, and toiletries. These items will be redistributed to organizations and

groups who can ensure they go to those who need them.

The campaign begins November 3rd and ends December 31st. Items will be delivered to the appropriate group or institution early in January. Also in January, a team will be sorting toiletries and bag lunches

for distribution to folks facing the winter weather with no place to go for shelter. The date for this project will be set as we get closer to the end of the campaign period.

Each person who contributes during the Starfish Campaign will receive a button with a picture of a starfish on it that says, "I'm a Starfish Tossers!" Reach out to family members, friends and neighbors and invite them to participate in the campaign. Talk about the starfish tossers with your children and ask them how they would like to make a difference. Spread the message of the Starfish Campaign and together we can make a BIG difference in the lives of many this winter.

Blessings and Peace,  
Alethea



### Bell Choir

The bell choir rings out songs during services on the 4th Sundays. They are looking for at least one more ringer. If you are interested in playing bells, please contact Ken Shilling ([pinball157@aol.com](mailto:pinball157@aol.com)).

### 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](mailto:playmisty4me@gmail.com))

# Goodloe Activities

## New Member and New Volunteer

Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation is delighted to welcome our newest member, Dorothy (Yaa) Jefferson. If you haven't done so already, please introduce yourself when you see her next.

Also, we want to express our gratitude to Nancy Choice who has kindly agreed to assist with our ongoing Giant Scrip fundraiser. Thank you for stepping up, Nancy!



## Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday Dec 6, 7:00pm

[Capitalism: A Love Story \(2009\)](#)

Filmmaker Michael Moore takes on capitalism's roots, the floundering U.S. economy, and 2008's global financial meltdown and subsequent bank bailout in this rousing documentary. Combining stories about those who suffer most from Corporate America's greed and insatiable thirst for profits and the people most responsible for myriad crises, Moore embarks on another shocking fact-finding rampage.  
127 minutes

## Goodloe Readers

Thursday Nov 21, 7:30pm

[\*The International Bank of Bob: Connecting Our Worlds One \\$25 Kiva Loan at a Time\*](#)

by Bob Harris

One copy is available through the PG County Library, and digital/print 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.

## Goodloe Coffee House

Saturday, Nov 16, 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 & friends are always welcome. Contact the coordinator if you need child care for younger children. For this as well as other information contact: Betsy Marks Delaney 301-922-1865  
[coffeehouse@goodloeeu.org](mailto:coffeehouse@goodloeeu.org)

## 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 & Beyond

## Goodloe Adult Religious Exploration

Adult RE meets on 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:45am-1:15pm. Each session is self-contained. You can enjoy one session or as many as you can attend. Each session is full of lively, interactive, and respectful discussion. We learn and share with each other. No prior knowledge or experience is required. You do not need to register. Upcoming topics are listed below:

### Sun, Nov 17— Personal Spiritual Practices

At the last session, we discussed a broad definition of spirituality— Doing what you enjoy doing in a meaningful way. It could be meditation or it could be gardening. It could be book reading or it could be singing. Come and explore your spirituality.

### Sun, Dec 1 — Religion for Cultural Literacy: Daoism

The video provides interesting facts in easy to understand ways. We pause at different points to discuss what we just learned.

## Guest At Your Table & the UU Service Committee

Guest at Your Table is an annual tradition in which congregation members learn about several people with whom the UU Service Committee (UUSC) is working. This year, UUSC is featuring people who have empowered others to realize their human rights. Read about those guests here: <http://www.uusc.org/guest/2013-2014/myguests>

Envelopes and boxes will be available to place on your table between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Please place monetary gifts in your box or envelope throughout the holiday season. Return the box or envelope to Goodloe so that we may send a donation to the UU Service Committee from the congregation.

## CROP Walk Organizing Meeting

CROP (Coalition of Rooted Organizing Projects) is working to develop grassroots organizing projects in Maryland. One of CROP's Lead Organizers, Morgan Sills is working to assemble the Southern Maryland Organizing Project (SMOP), a group which will effectuate social, economic, and environmental change in Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties. Morgan is a graduate of Rutgers University, and previously worked for the Marylanders for Marriage Equality Campaign. As MFME's Baltimore County Field Organizer she

oversaw a victory for question six in Baltimore County. You are invited to SMOP's Organizational Meeting on Saturday November 9 from 9:00– 11am. The event will be held at:

Claggett Farm  
11904 Old Marlboro Pike  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

At this meeting, Morgan will lead those gathered in discussing what issues the group wants to focus on, what constituency the group wishes to serve, and the strategies to be employed to accomplish those tasks.



# Special Opportunities

## Mid-Year Fund Drive: Matching Contributions

An anonymous donor has offered matching funds of up to ten thousand dollars for unrestricted contributions to the church. Matched contributions will be separate from contributions toward existing pledges. The Board will allocate the funds between closing the current operating budget's expected deficit, other new mission-driven expenditures and savings. Contributions must be paid in full by November 30th to be eligible for the dollar-for-dollar match.

Please make checks to Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation (or GMUUC). Put "mid-year match" on the memo line and give the check to Sid Soderholm, put it in the plate, or mail it to the church:

Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation  
1540-C Pointer Ridge Place  
Bowie, MD 20716

Thank you for your continuing support of our community and its missions!

## Afghan Dinner & Silent Auction

Friday, November 8, 6pm  
Cedar Lane UU Church, Bethesda  
Tickets \$50 at the door

Authentic Afghan dinner, Alrene Muskovich's film on Afghan Women & Literacy, raffle of unique Afghan handicrafts (tickets, \$10), & silent auction of hand-crafted items from bazaars and women's groups throughout Afghanistan.

Proceeds will support couples literacy classes and several orphanages in Afghanistan through Kabultec.

## Request for Book Proposal

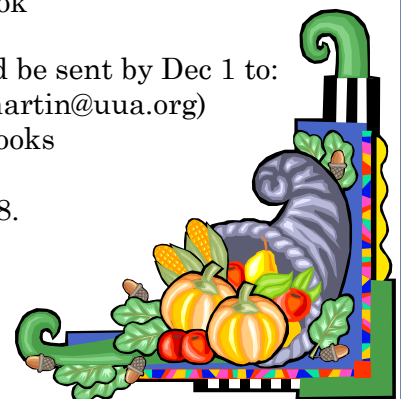
Topic: Aging and Living as a Senior

Skinner House Books announces a search for an author or authors to write a book that addresses the experience of people who identify as seniors or as elderly. Ideally, this book would address the spiritual and perhaps theological aspects aging. It would help readers to reflect on their lives, particularly regarding issues frequently associated with aging. These may include, but are not limited to: a decline in physical ability, the spiritual gifts of aging, a new appreciation of time, the loss of loved ones, the approaching end of life, adjusting to retirement, loneliness, reminiscing/life review, and passing along wisdom.

We are intentionally leaving the specifics about the form of the book open-ended. Proposals should include the following, all in one document:

- ◆ Your name/s, addresses, and contact information
- ◆ Your qualifications to write this book
- ◆ A summary of the book (2–10 pages) which describes what it is and how it would be structured, including a table of contents
- ◆ A draft of the Introduction
- ◆ A sample chapter (not necessarily the first chapter) or a representative sampling of the shorter pieces of writing that would make up the book

Submissions should be sent by Dec 1 to:  
Betsy Martin (bmartin@uua.org)  
Skinner House Books  
25 Beacon Street  
Boston, MA 02108.



# Regional Activities

## UUSJ Work Training Opportunity

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10-1  
UU Church of Arlington

"Inspired Faith, Effective Action: A Hands-On Training in Doing Religiously-Grounded Social Justice Work"

How can we ground our actions in our religious principles?

How can we better establish a rhythm of study, action, and reflection in our social justice work?

How can we better select social justice priorities and programs and involve our whole congregation?

How can we feel comfortable and know we are effectively advocating for our issues with Congressional members and their aides?

Come learn about and then have time to practice these skills with a team from your congregation. UUSJ and the UUA's Congregational Advocacy and Witness and Multicultural Growth and Witness offices will present this training.

More details coming soon.  
Contact Rev. Cyn Snavely  
(csnavely@uusj.org) 202-600-9132 or  
Rev. Terence Ellen  
(terenceellen@gmail.com) 410-486-5766.

## Sabeel DC Metro 3rd Annual Fall Seminar

Saturday, Nov. 16, 9:30am to 4pm  
Kresge Center Refectory,  
Wesley Theological Seminary  
4500 Massachusetts Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20016

Zionism Through Christian Lenses:  
Ecumenical Perspectives on the  
Promised Land

A project of Sabeel DC Metro. For more info contact Carole Monica Burnett [monica70x7@yahoo.com](mailto:monica70x7@yahoo.com).  
To receive e-mail updates about this exciting and timely event, contact Paul Verduin [phverduin@gmail.com](mailto:phverduin@gmail.com).

Free parking. Luncheon provided with registration. Registration information will be sent out soon, but mark your calendar now, and save the date!

Meet, hear, & debate the seven authors of this newly released book's insightful & thought-provoking essays.

Want to read Zionism Through Christian Lenses in advance of the Nov. 16 seminar? You can order a copy from:

[www.wipfandstock.com](http://www.wipfandstock.com).

Edited by Carole Monica Burnett; foreword by Sabeel founder and director Rev. Dr. Naim S. Ateek.

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# Board Meeting Minutes\*

## August 8, 2013



\* The format of the Minutes has been condensed for space while preserving content as much as possible. Complete minutes & additional months' meetings are available by request. Meanwhile, the approval process for the minutes has been streamlined, so we will begin running the most current meeting minutes beginning in next month's Odyssey.

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

**Building:** The HVAC issue with the building has an issue. The HVAC system needs the newer refrigerant. The coolant pipes are on the floor in the attic. There is a condensation problem with the system. The system is sitting too low and is improperly vented. The air handler needs to be raised up to fit a pan underneath. The system requires the newer more expensive coolant. Sally will get an estimate for the repair.

**Finances:** There was a discussion about the financial issues. All seems to be going ok Sid is working on a budget and a spend plan. If people would like to look at the financial reports they are available please contact Sid.

**eScrip:** There was a discussion about the eScrip. Steve went to fill in the application but needed financial information. Steve

will work with Sid to get the necessary information.

**Education Ministry:** We are registered for the education ministry. We have already received at least one call concerning this initiative.

**Building Access:** Sally has obtained a new lockbox. The lockbox is located on the emergency exit door. If you need access to this box please contact Sally for the combo. There is an issue with the main door lock. This will be switched with the lock in the main sanctuary door.

**Clean-up:** There is a clean-up event scheduled for Aug 24 starting at 10am.

**Upcoming Activities:** There will be a UUSJ March on Washington on August 24. An RE assistant is still needed for this Sunday. There is some interest in the Diwali Festival on Oct 5. There will be an email sent to the congregation about it.

**Sunday Services:** Cyn is working on the services for September - June. There is

only enough money for 1 more guest speaker. There is a need for 10 lay services.

**Other Fall Events:** The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the Jewish temple since it is also the first day of Hanukkah.

**BIFP Moving:** The Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry is moving to a new location on Monday. Help would be greatly appreciated.

**Pastoral Care:** There have been a few cards sent out to members.

**Staffing:** Contracts have gone out for Alethea & Noreen. Cyn's job description needs to be reconciled against new UUA contract. Will delete the provision about regular office hours. There were minor changes to the minister's duties and contract. Steve will write-up the contract changes.

**Committee on Ministry:** We need to make sure that all staff members have a

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## Book Reading, Lecture, & Discussion

*A Wall in Jerusalem: Hope, Healing, & the Struggle for Justice in Israel & Palestine* by Mark Braverman

November 12, 7pm

Join us at 6:30 for coffee & refreshments.

Ravensworth Baptist Church  
Annandale, VA

Note: This will be Mark's only Washington DC area appearance.

Drawing on the historical lessons of the Civil Rights movement and the struggle against South African apartheid, Braverman offers a course of action both at home and abroad that will bring about a just and lasting peace. His new book offers a provocative and unique perspective on this controversial issue and specific, real-time prescriptions for action, with specific emphasis on the role of the church in our time.

## Matzo Ball Making & Pilgrim Trio Concert

Saturday, November 9  
Cedar Lane UU Church  
Bethesda, MD

5 pm: Join us for the joy of making our very own matzo ball soup! All ages welcome! To make our preparations extra festive, Eric Durland will play his guitar for us.

6 pm: For All Ages Potluck - relax, enjoy good company and conversations while we eat our soup along with whatever dishes we bring.

7:30 pm: Pilgrim Trio concert - their music will have you humming, tapping your feet & maybe even dancing in the aisles! Older children welcome.

RSVP Allison Cox

(membership@cedarlane.org).

Also, please let her know if you want gluten free or vegan matzo balls, to ensure that the appropriate ingredients are available.

## Board Meeting Minutes (Continued)

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representative on the Committee on Ministry.

**Goodloe Brochure:** We are waiting on Dick Morris to get the permissions for the brochure.

**Education Ministry:** There is an Agreement for Parents & our agreement with the representative. There were minor changes to the contracts. Steve will make the corrections.

**Internet Presence:** Steve has started working on the Facebook page. Cyn has accessed the DRE email.

**Communication Guidelines:** Sally sent out an email to be reviewed by the Board & discussed at the next meeting.

**Communications:** Pete is looking into a road sign. SHA would be required for a permanent sign. There was also an idea to participate in the Adopt-a-Road program.

**Fundraising:** There was a discussion about fundraising opportunities including a fall murder mystery party.

**Special Collections:** There was talk about special collections. The suggestion was made to have no more than 6 special collections: UULM, UUSJ, GWIPL, UUMAC, Goodloe Scholarship, & Guest At Your Table. This was confirmed by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

# November 2013

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

## Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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[goodloe.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:goodloe.newsletter@gmail.com)

If you have changed your address, phone, or email, please let us know by emailing [goodloe.memorial@gmail.com](mailto:goodloe.memorial@gmail.com) or call Jackie Lord 301-249-7713 or Nancy Choice 301-805-5345.

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for Don Speed Smith  
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