



# Odyssey

January 2014

## Sunday Services

**Jan 5** *New Year, New Day* Michael Gollin

Today is a good day. That mantra helps me to see each morning as a magical present, given to me by forces beyond my control or understanding. I unwrap this gift again and again, year after year, simply by raising the blinds and watching the spectacle of sunlight shining on the world.

**Jan 12** *The Importance of Play* Rev. Snavelly

Over the course of this year a number of services are based on music named as meaningful by various members and friends of the congregation. Young Katie Delaney named "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" from "Mary Poppins." The song and the show are a good reminder that even adults need to make time to play.

**Jan 19** *Multigenerational Martin Luther King, Jr Service: Prelude to a National Day of Service*

We will discuss the power of language with "madlibs," and we will be bagging the gifts for persons who are homeless to be delivered on the Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Jan 26** *Resistance to Civil Government*

Guest Speaker Archene Turner

On January 26th, 1848 Henry David Thoreau delivered a speech that was later published as "Resistance to Civil Government". Are there any themes in this address relevant for Unitarian Universalists today?

**Feb 2** *Sharing the UU Mid-Atlantic Community*

Sally Raymond, Ken Shilling, et al

The Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community is an intentional community for people of all ages. We gather to be present and enjoy the moment with others. Worship every morning, dancing every night, having meals with new friends, fun activities. In one week, many find deep friendships. It is all a spiritual practice to renew yourself, and recreate community. Live our UU principles every day. Rejuvenate at UUMAC.

**Special Collection for UUMAC.**

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# From the Minister



Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

It seems everyone is trying to reimagine religious or spiritual community these days. In November there was an article in the Washington Post about an [“atheist” church](#). In the last UU World there was an article about a lay led UU congregation near Cincinnati that calls itself the [“unchurch.”](#) The UU Church of Annapolis now has a [Tuesday night worship service](#) that is actually more like the Methodist revival services of my youth except for the multimedia aspect of the presentations. In Oregon a [choir](#) has formed at a bar. People are still looking for spiritual community but it seems many aren't sure that what they want can be found at a church, temple, synagogue, mosque or UU congregation.

Part of what many people are looking for I believe we have. We have an openness to searching rather than a teaching of doctrine. We have a sense of community. Still, even in our informality, our services are more formal than what many today seem to be craving.

I have said to a couple people that if money was no object the spiritual community I would create would be a communal living community. It would include a children's day care and a senior day care on site.

There would be discussions, worship, meditation, etc. scheduled throughout the week and led by many members of the community. There might be a pagan ritual and a Christian communion and a drum/dance service throughout one week. Services would be planned by groups of people and led by many. There would be opportunities to volunteer and give also planned by and led by groups within the community. Some of this is not so different than what we have now.

I would be interested to hear what kind of religious or spiritual community you would create if you were starting from scratch and you did not need to worry about the time, number of people or money needed to make your idea a reality. And then, what part of your vision do you think we actually could implement? What would you be willing to do to make it happen?

We are in a time when people are looking for spiritual community but something different than what they think is available. Help us to imagine what we as Goodloe should be and become.

Blessed Be,  
Cyn



## Guest Speaker

Archene Turner is a UU minister of color in final fellowship. Archene graduated from Meadville-Lombard Theological School in 2007. She also works full time as a chemical engineer for the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Archene is a life-long activist, especially for children, LGBT and religious freedom/equality; ultimately she hopes to start a UU Boarding school incorporating her many passions and missions.

# Religious Exploration Starfish Campaign

Thanks to the many generous Starfish Tossers at Goodloe, we were able to give 44 Christmas gifts to "our" selected family through the Family Tree program!



But we're not done — You have another chance to toss some starfish! We are collecting items to help people who are homeless during the winter season. Our goal is to fill bags for 50 people. Labeled bags for each item type are located in the Blue Room. Please put your donations in the appropriate bag. We will assemble gift bags during the Worship Service on Sunday, Jan 19 We will deliver the gift bags

on Monday Jan 20 (Martin Luther King Day). Meet at Goodloe at 6:00am. Please signup if you plan to help with the delivery.

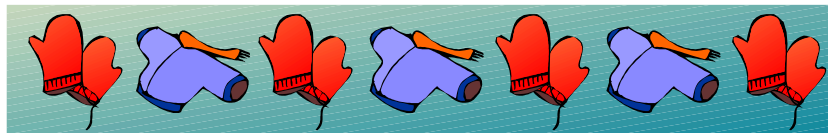
We appreciate donations of the following items for this project:

- ◇ Individually wrapped bars of soap
- ◇ Travel size lotion
- ◇ Travel size toothpaste
- ◇ Toothbrushes and Toothbrush holders or covers
- ◇ Disposable shavers
- ◇ Gloves/mittens
- ◇ Hats
- ◇ Scarves
- ◇ Heavy socks
- ◇ Combs
- ◇ Individually wrapped hard candy
- ◇ Small snack packages of cookies
- ◇ Bottled water
- ◇ Gift bags to hold above items

Please sign up for the number and type of items you want to donate so that others will know what is needed. Please place items in labeled bags located in the Blue Room.

## Monthly Fundraisers

*In November, Goodloe earned \$26 through its Amazon.com fundraiser and \$81 through Giant Scrip Sales. Thank you for supporting Goodloe!*



## Interfaith Service

The Interfaith Council of Suburban Maryland will sponsor an interfaith Martin Luther King, Jr, Holiday service on Monday, January 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Christian Presbyterian Church 3120 Belair Dr, Bowie, MD 20715. The speaker for the service will be Angela Alsobrooks, state's attorney for Prince George's County.

# Goodloe Activities

## Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday, Jan 3, 7:00pm  
[Chasing Ice \(2012\)](#)

Environmental photographer James Balog deploys time-lapse cameras to capture a record of the world's changing glaciers, compressing years into seconds to illustrate how these ice mountains are disappearing at a breathtaking rate. 76 minutes

Friday, Feb 7, 7:00pm  
*Wilderness Journey: The Struggle for Black Empowerment and Racial Justice within the Unitarian Universalist Association, 1967-1970 (2008).*

Ron Cordes filmed these interviews of many UU leaders who lived through those complex times and created this essential UUA historical record. 76 minutes.



## Goodloe Readers

Here is the upcoming book list. All are available through the PG County Library, Amazon, and local book stores. You do not need to finish the book in order to participate in the discussion. Meetings are at Goodloe at 7:30pm every 3rd Thursday.

**Jan 16** *Making Toast: A Family Story*  
 by Roger Rosenblatt

**Feb 20** *Fight for the Bay: Why a Dark Green Environmental Awakening is Needed to Save the Chesapeake Bay* by Howard R. Ernst

**March 20** *Reality Is Broken: Why Games Make Us Better and How They Can Change the World* by Jane McGonigal

## Drumming from the Heart

Friday, Jan 10, 6:00pm

Goodloe hosts a drum circle on the 2nd Friday of each month from 6pm-7:30. Bring your own drum or arrange to borrow if you don't have one. No experience needed. RSVP to Ken Shilling ([pinball157@aol.com](mailto:pinball157@aol.com)) so he knows you will be there.

## Goodloe Coffee House

Saturday, Jan 18, 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: [coffeehouse@goodloeuu.org](mailto:coffeehouse@goodloeuu.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 meditation, and a dharma talk and discussion. Participants are invited to stay & enjoy a cup of tea following the activity on 4th Tuesdays.

## Bell Choir

The bell choir rings out songs during services on the 4th Sundays. If you are interested in playing bells, please contact [Ken Shilling](#).

# Goodloe Activities

## Adult Religious Exploration

Adult RE meets on 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:45am-1:15pm, on an alternating subject series & format. Each session is self-contained, so you can join any time and as often as you are able. Each session includes lively interactive and respectful discussion. We learn and share with each other. No prior knowledge or experience is required, and you do not need to register. Upcoming session topics are listed below:

### Cultural Literacy of World Religions (First Sundays)

**Jan 5:** Vehicles to Nirvana

**Feb 2:** Shintoism

We watch a half-hour video and have group discussions on various religions.

### Spiritual Practices (Third Sundays)

We opened ourselves by reflecting on who might be our spiritual buddies. Who can we trust and be vulnerable and share stories? We heard many different perspectives, and that got us to reflecting deeper about ourselves. Each session is different so newcomers are welcome to attend

**Jan 18:** Mind Practices—  
How do we become more mindful?

**Feb 16:** Body Practices—  
How do we honor our bodies? What is the mind-body connection?

If you are interested in leading a discussion, please contact Ken Shilling. Materials are available in advance.

## Maryland Adopt-A-Highway Program

Goodloe plans to apply to the Maryland Adopt-A-Highway program which will benefit both the community and Goodloe.

- ◆ Benefits for the community: Goodloe will clean a one mile stretch of highway of litter four times a year.
- ◆ Benefit for Goodloe: Signs placed in the area recognizing Goodloe for its service.

### Please volunteer to help with the Goodloe Adopt-A-Highway Project.

- ◆ Goodloe needs 5 volunteers who are committed to help clean our highway 4 times per year.
- ◆ After we have 5 people signed up, we can then proceed with our application for the Maryland Adopt-A-Highway program
- ◆ Please contact Pete Boudriault or one of the other Board members if you wish to volunteer or have any questions.

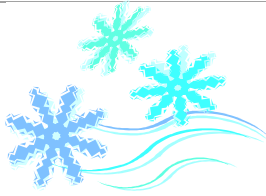
## Memorial for Marcia Giger

Marcia Giger, a friend of the congregation and companion of David Goodkind, died at the Prince George's County Hospital on Thursday, December 26, 2013.

A memorial gathering is planned for Saturday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Collington Retirement Community 10450 Lottsford Rd. Mitchellville, MD.

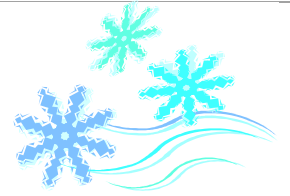
Obituary information and guestbook can be found here: <http://www.beallfuneral.com/sitemaker/sites/BeallF1/obit.c>





# Goodloe and Beyond

## Goodloe Building Access



There are a number of people known as "key holders" who have been formally issued a key and have signed an agreement known as the "Key Holder Policy." These individuals, such as the minister, the choir director and board members will hold keys indefinitely and return them when the person no longer holds office or no longer needs to use the key. There are other situations, however, when an individual may need to gain access to Goodloe but may not have been designated as a key holder. Previously, the onus fell to long-term key holders to open the door, but that usually required a trip to the church at a time that was not convenient and waiting around to lock up afterward. Other issues arose when a person needing access to hold a meeting at a specified time may have been unable to contact a key holder to come and open the door. This has led to disappointment and frustration on several occasions in the past. Another issue was retrieving the key after someone had used it for several months, such as the Kaplan teacher or some other group representative who was given permission to use the building. So the Board considered how we loan a key on a temporary basis and how shall it be returned in a convenient and timely manner?

The solution was to initiate the use of a key lock box with a combination number. You may have noticed the lock box dangling from the RE entrance door. The lock box holds a key that may be used during situations requiring temporary use of a key. Sally Raymond and Sid Solderholm are responsible for maintaining the lock box combination. The combination is changed on a regular basis for precaution and to protect the building. Individuals are provided the combination so they may use this key to open the door and once their activity is completed, they return the key back into the lock box, shut the little door and scramble the numbers to hide the access code.

This solution is working extremely well, more efficient and convenient for everyone involved (key holders and others who need building access)! It also gives us the ability to track key usage and not have too many keys floating around that could get lent out or misplaced. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Submitted by Sally Raymond  
Board Member  
Building & Facility Maintenance  
Chairperson

## UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland Annual Meeting

**When:** Saturday, Jan 25, 8:30am–1:30pm  
**Where:** UU Church of Annapolis  
**What:** Join other UU activists, elected officials and advocates from across the state as we discuss and plan for UULM-MD Priority Issues that will be coming before the Maryland General Assembly in 2014. [Click here for more information/registration.](#)

## JP District Executive Retiring

After serving as the Joseph Priestly District Executive for 14 years, Dr. Richard Speck will be retiring on August 1, 2014. Of course he is committed to providing continuity of his functions by gradually handing over his duties to others including his eventual successor. We offer Dr. Speck our blessings & gratitude.

# Board Policy #7: Inclement Weather



The following policy will apply whenever weather or other conditions could prevent our congregation from holding scheduled services or any other activity or event. These conditions include:

- ◆ Winter storms: snow, ice, sleet, freezing rain, icy roads, etc.
- ◆ Water-related problems: hurricane, flooding, etc.
- ◆ Building problems: power outage, leaking roof, etc.

Responsibility for determining whether a Goodloe activity will be cancelled or moved to another location resides with:

The convener or chair of a committee meeting, social event, or other activity that is not a regularly-scheduled worship service

For a regularly scheduled worship service, the following persons will confer with each other in making the decision whether or not to cancel services:

- ◆ President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President
- ◆ Minister
- ◆ Worship Committee Chair
- ◆ Leader of the service
- ◆ Director of Religious Exploration or RE chair

In the event that any condition exists that could interfere with holding a regularly-scheduled worship service, the President shall:

Contact the person scheduled to lead the service (the minister, lay leader or visiting presenter) to determine whether that person will be arriving as planned.

In the event that the President, Minister or Worship Chair determines that a regularly-scheduled service should be cancelled or moved to another location, he/she shall immediately notify the following people by phone:

- ◆ The email administrator who will send out an email message to the congregation
- ◆ The webmaster who will post a notice on the Goodloe web site
- ◆ DRE – who will notify all teachers scheduled that day
- ◆ Choir Director – who will notify all choir members
- ◆ Set-up crew

In addition, the President shall:

- ◆ Record a new outgoing message on the answering machine

In the event that the convener or chair determines that the event or activity should be moved or cancelled, he/she shall:

If the event is a congregation-wide or public event:

- ◆ Notify the email administrator who will send out an email message to the congregation
- ◆ Record a new outgoing message on the answering machine.

If the event is a regularly scheduled meeting and the group has elected to follow the inclement weather policy of a county group (e.g., Prince George’s County School System), no notification is necessary for inclement weather.

If the event is not congregation-wide and no county inclement weather policy is selected or the reason for cancelation is not due to weather, notify all planned participants of the decision.

Inform the congregation annually in the Autumn of the inclement weather policy.

# Board Meeting Minutes\*

## December 11, 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.

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

**Repairs & Improvements:** Sid made some calls to try and get the estimate to repair the HVAC System. We should have an estimate by the end of the week for fixing the leak in the HVAC system.

**Kaplan Scheduling:** February is the next scheduled class for Kaplan. This class will go through March. There is another class that starts late March and goes to late April. The scheduling should not interfere with planning Saturday evening events.

**Holiday Decorating:** The decorating went well. There were no issues.

**Upcoming Events:** There is an interfaith event on Saturday (12/14). Sunday prior to Christmas (12/22) is the Choir Service. We will have a Christmas Eve Service 12/24. Tep will be leading the Kwanza Service 12/29.

**Financial Report:** We received \$8,350 in donations toward the matching fund opportunity. There were no unusual outlays for this month. Sid received a notice from the Yellow Pages about

renewing our advertisement. It was determined that there was not cost effective to continue running a paid ad in the yellow pages.

**Committee on Ministry:** The Committee on Ministry meeting will be scheduled for January. Goals will be solicited from staff by Committee on Ministry. They will also rate the staff members in key positions at the end of year.

**Goodloe Celebration:** Steve has contacted Dr. Freeman Hrabowski but has not received a confirmation and may have to come up with an alternate speaker.

This celebration is a fundraiser to help with the scholarship and talk about Goodloe and his connection with education.

Noreen is still interested in participating with possibly a gospel choir to perform a few numbers for the Goodloe Celebration. Scheduling events for 7pm should be fine.

**Bowie State Religion Classes:** Cyn checked with the syllabus for Bowie State Religion classes. They do not require a visitation to the local churches.

Yaa suggested to possibly contact CURE Maryland



### Communications

**Guidelines:** We were going to write up an article for the Odyssey on communication etiquette, "The Do's and Don'ts of Communication." We decided not to go forward with this event.

Per condo association rules, we are no longer able to put up signs in our windows.

**New Temporary Signs:** Sally will bring mock ups for new temporary (i.e. non-stationary) signs for approval by the Board. New signs are needed to replace old ones that have been degraded or lost.

**Adopt-A-Road:** Pete will solicit volunteers and then submit an application for a section of Route 301. The State will give us equipment and training once we submit the application.

**Circle Suppers Idea:** Sally had previously suggested setting up Circle Suppers as an ongoing congregation social activity. She has contacted a few people to find out about interest. So far the response has been lukewarm at best. She will continue to find out if there is an interest. The Coordinator would be coordinating the host and the

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*"Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary."*

*Cecil Beaton*

## Board Meeting Minutes (Continued)

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number of people attending. Steve suggested starting up a trial event in January and February. Sally will put an article in the Odyssey.

**Fundraising:** There was talk about the pledge drive starting in late February early March. Sid asked for ways to approach the congregation to increase pledges. Next month we will discuss pledge drive ideas.

**Office Equipment, Computer Copier Printer and WIFI:** We need to look into improving our WIFI in the building. We have outdated computer equipment that needs to be replaced. Sally has looked into the WIFI. What would be the cost for faster WIFI service and a replacement wireless printer? Steve asked Sally to look into the cost of replacement WIFI, new printer and also a new TV. We may need to do a targeted fundraising effort.

**Education Ministry:** Steve will ask Kellie about writing an article for the Education Ministry.

**UU Pension Plan Changes:** To continue to be part of the pension plan the Board must approve the new pension program. New employees must be offered for all eligible members of the pension plan. Currently Cyn is the only eligible member. All Board members are requested to review the pension plan and to discuss in January.

**UUSJ Representation:** Yaa has volunteered to be the new representative for Goodloe to the UUSJ. Steve will continue to be the alternate. The motion was approved by the Board.

**Membership:** There is a need to recertify the membership numbers by February 3rd.

**Poll on Study Action Issues:** There is a process for raising issues with UUA and the general assembly votes on a

study to become an action item. Congregations have put in the study issues. UUA will adopt one or more of these as positions that the UUA takes on an issue. Members will look the list and exchange emails. Steve will send the list to Board Members.

**UULM MD Survey:** There is a survey on the UULM for individuals to participate in.

**Direct Mail Campaign:** Cyn came up with an idea about a direct mail campaign, maybe surrounding an event. Cyn would look into lead time, numbers, and cost needed to advertise via direct mail.

**Upcoming Months' Services:** The March pulpit exchange will be Reverend Lisa Ward. Steve will be providing a service in Salisbury in February.

**New Visitors:** There were a few people who visited Goodloe. They found us through the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

# January 2014

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			1	2 7:00 Choir	3 6:30 Social Justice Film/Discussion	4
5 10:30 Worship/RE 11:45 Adult RE	6	7	8 7:00 Board of Trustees	9 7:00 Choir	10 6pm Drumming from the Heart	11
12 9:45 Family Choir 10:30 Worship/RE 11:30 Pot Luck	13	14 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	15 Full Moon ☉	16 7:00 Choir 7:30 Goodloe Readers	17	18 7:30 Open Mic Coffeehouse
19 10:30 Worship/RE 11:45 Adult RE	20	21	22	23 7:00 Choir	24	25
26 10:30 Worship/RE 12pm Chinese Buffet	27	28 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	29	30	31	

## Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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240-475-2111 (cell)

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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 [lacey33@verizon.net](mailto:lacey33@verizon.net).

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Goodloe makes 5% each time you shop.

**There is no additional cost to purchase Giant Scrip. Use the scrip like a gift card at the check-out line.**

**Deadline for Next Odyssey:  
January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**  
**Please email submissions to**  
[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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