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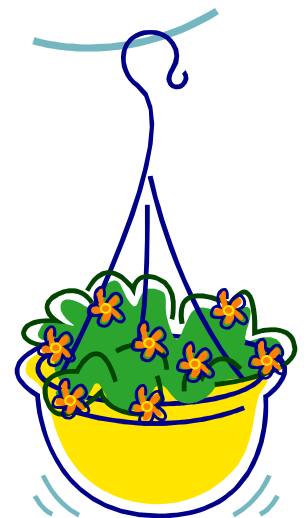
June 2014

Sunday Services

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ISSUE:**

June 1	<i>Why Caring for the Earth is a Principle of Faith</i> Caring for the earth means caring for the whole of humanity, all creatures and the biosphere that makes our lives possible. Special Collection for Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light (GWIPL), whose mission is to help hundreds of congregations of all faiths across Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia to save energy, go green, and respond to climate change.	Rev Snavelly
June 8	<i>Question Box Sermon</i> Come prepared to write down a question about God, death, Unitarian Universalism, Goodloe Memorial, ministry, ethics or whatever. Cyn will pick a few to answer during the “sermon” time on this Sunday.	Rev Snavelly
June 15	<i>Daddy’s Hands</i> As we remember our fathers today we will base the service on Holly Dunn’s song, “Daddy’s Hands.” The chorus goes, “Daddy’s hands were soft and kind when I was cryin’. Daddy’s hands, were hard as steel when I’d done wrong. Daddy’s hands, weren’t always gentle, But I’ve come to understand. There was always love in Daddy’s hands.”	Rev Snavelly
June 22	<i>Tao te Ching—The Sacred Without Personality</i> “There is something formlessly created, Born before Heaven and Earth, So silent! So ethereal! Independent and changeless, Circulating and ceaseless, It can be regarded as the mother of the world. I do not know its name, Identifying it, I call it “Tao,” <i>Tao te Ching</i> , 25	Rev Snavelly
Jun 29	<i>Needing to be Needed</i> A story by Edna Ellison about an old man, a wedding and dead flowers ends with these lines “Life is not the way it’s supposed to be. It’s the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.”	Rev Snavelly

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From the Minister

Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

I very much enjoyed having services based on some of the music meaningful to various members and friends of the congregation over this past year. Thank you to everyone who shared.

This is the time of year I begin lining out next year's services, and I would like to

do something similar next year.

Is there some poem, scripture or reading that is meaningful in your life? Maybe something you memorized as a child or something read at your wedding or a parent or spouse's memorial service, something posted on your refrigerator or tacked to your bulletin board?

I expect there will be as wide a variety in readings as there was in music. I look forward to hearing from you.

Blessed be,
Cyn

MP3 audio files of Rev. Snavelly's sermons are now available on the Goodloe website via the [Sermon Archive page](#). Services are generally available within a week or two after each service.



Sunday Services for July

July 6	<i>Reflecting on 30 Years of Ministry</i> I began my ministry the first week of July 1984 at a two-point United Methodist charge, Centenary United Methodist Church in Weatherly, PA and First United Methodist in Beaver Meadows, PA. Since then I have served a United Methodist congregation in Stroudsburg, PA and Unitarian Universalist congregations in Warrington, PA; Charleston, WV; Columbia, MD; and Bowie, MD. Along the way I have learned how to receive as well as how to give. "Together we share, and from this we live."	Rev Snavelly
July 13	<i>Social Justice from the Inside Out</i> Exploring how communicating for compassion and connection can transform relationships and resolve many of society's ills. Aléthea presents a new perspective on social justice through emotional literacy.	Aléthea Shiplett
July 20	<i>The Axe, the Shovel and the Interdependent Web of Existence.</i> In our last book club selection, "A Sand County Almanac", Aldo Leopold poetically describes his simple observations of the interdependence of life on his land and the influence of man's choices on the natural balance of existence. His book was written in 1949, but his ideas seem like they were written for today.	Jackie Lord

Goodloe Annual Meeting— Election Results

The Goodloe community wishes to thank our newly elected Board members for stepping up to serve the congregation — Including first-time volunteers, returnees, and those who are “switching hats.” The newly-elected staff are as follows:

- ◆ Sally Raymond, President
- ◆ Pete Boudriault, Vice President
- ◆ Debra Braswell, Secretary
- ◆ Dick Wobus, At Large Trustee, one year to fulfill Pete Bouldriault' s term (see above)
- ◆ Yaa, At Large Trustee 2- year term

- ◆ Steve Buckingham was elected as the congregation's representative to the Committee on Ministry.
- ◆ The following were elected to the Nominating Committee: Steve Buckingham, Lorraine Webb, Roxie Wickline



Budget Report

Respectfully submitted by Sid Soderholm, Financial Officer, on behalf of the Board.

Report of the Board's Operating Budget for
Fiscal Year 2014-2015

ANTICIPATED OPERATING INCOME: \$88,500

- \$73,000 – Pledges (5% shrinkage)
- \$3,500 – Plate Offerings
- \$7,800 – Kaplan and other building rentals
- \$500 – Fundraising Events (Coffee House, Mystery Night)
- \$2000 – Education Ministry
- \$1,700 – Rebates (Giant Gift Cards, Amazon, eScrip)

PLANNED OPERATING EXPENSES: \$100,100

- \$65,450 – Personnel (with 3% increase for Minister, Director Religious Education, Choir Director, Accompanist)
- \$28,200 – Facilities (mortgage, condo fees, insurance, utilities, maintenance)
- \$2700 – UU Association dues
- \$1300 – Joseph Priestly District dues
- \$600 – Worship Honoraria
- \$1850 – Other expenses (Religious Exploration, Minister's discretionary fund, other small expenses)

The \$11,600 gap is less than predicted for the current year and is based on realistic estimates. The congregation can help make up the difference by bringing in new people and continuing to donate generously.

Events and Activities

Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday, June 6, 7:00 pm

Fresh (2009)

This absorbing documentary surveys American farmers' and researchers' pioneering efforts to develop efficient systems for growing food. All of those profiled share a common goal of limiting pollution while creating healthier products. 72 minutes.

No Social Justice Film First Friday of July
July 4, Independence Day Holiday

Friday, August 1, 7:00pm

The Trials of Muhammad Ali (2013)

Exploring issues of race, religion and wartime conscientious objection, this documentary gives viewers an inside look at Muhammad Ali's biggest battle: his struggle to overturn a five-year prison sentence after refusing to fight in Vietnam. 86 minutes.

Monthly Fundraisers

In April, Goodloe earned \$11 through its Amazon.com fundraiser and \$134 through Giant Scrip Sales. Thank you for supporting Goodloe!

Summer Break for Goodloe Coffee House

The monthly Goodloe Coffee House is on hiatus for June and July. The next coffeehouse will take place on Saturday, August 16 at 7pm. If you have any questions, please email: coffeeshouse@goodloeuu.org

Goodloe Readers

The June book is 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.

June 19 *Thomas Jefferson's Qur'an: Islam and the Founders* by Denise A. Spellberg

July book to be announced.

Drumming from the Heart

June 13 & July 11 (2nd Fridays)
7:00 pm at Goodloe

No experience required. Extra drums are available. This is a spiritual practice in collaborative rhythm.

Please see the monthly calendar on Page 10 for our other regularly scheduled Goodloe activities.

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.

Religious Exploration: Endangered Peoples

Beloved Goodloe Family,
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank this congregation, Rev. Cyn and the RE Committee for their support this year as I stepped into this position. You have given me opportunities and support to grow in my ministry as Director of Religious Exploration. I am learning to stretch in new directions and network with new peers, and for that I am deeply grateful. Thank you for your welcome, your love and your support.

I am particularly excited about the new opportunity to create a curriculum around the theme of "Endangered Peoples". I bought a book years ago called *With Love, To Earth's Endangered Peoples* by Virginia Kroll. I have finally found something creative to do with this book,



which is filled with deep appreciation and celebration of seven cultures which are dying or being assimilated in various regions around the earth. I took the model of the book and chose 9 cultures to explore over the 9 weeks of summer: **Bushman, Hmong, Maori, Lapps, Yanomami, Inuit, Iroquois, Lakota and Mbuti**. I have collected traditional stories, activities and other cultural markers for the children to explore.

Each child will receive a backpack containing a passport and a folder with activities designed at their developmental level. The facilitators will share a story with the children.

After the story, the facilitator will then lead the children to a world map where they will locate the region where the culture is

predominantly located. They will color that area on the map together. Then the children will pull out their folders and complete one or two activities in order to receive a stamp in their passports. Materials for a craft project will be available in the facilitator package along with the story. At the end of the summer, each child may keep their backpack with all their activities.

I hope that my first foray into curriculum development proves enjoyable, interesting and enriching. I've designed the lessons to have a very light touch, engaging the children to consider what they may find of value from each culture, and encouraging them to include it in their identities as UU's. So here's your call to action: Stretch yourself a bit and try facilitating one class this summer. You will learn a lot too!

Bright blessings,
Aléthea Shiplett, DRE

And Then There Were Seven

I remember the early days of our religious education some thirty years ago. We started with four teenagers one year, and then one elementary youth the next. It appeared to be bleak. We were determined to offer religious education.

In the third year, we had about six youth and then twenty in the fourth. The children loved being together and they wanted to invite their other friends. It was a place to learn but not like school. It was a place to have fun and enjoy discovering something about yourself.

Our son was born into the community. I changed his diapers at board meetings. Recently, I had a rare privilege of talking to him at dinner with his friend Ben. They had gone to nursery school together, RE together, went to teen CONs together, and went to UUMAC together.

Over the years, we went through five of six generations of teenagers. Our last group took leadership positions at teen CONs.

I was an ex-Roman Catholic. I did not benefit from twelve years of Sunday school. By being a UU RE teacher, and being with curious, energetic people, I learned a lot about my faith and my True Self.

We recently had seven youth in class for Easter service. It is a new "seed" for religious education. May it grow as it has once before. Any maybe, just maybe, the parents will learn about their faith and love discovering more about their True Self.

May it be so.
Ken Shilling

Green Energy for Goodloe, Thanks to Groundswell

This spring, Goodloe came together with Groundswell and 45 other organizations to purchase 100% wind energy to power our building. Many individual Goodloe members have chosen to participate in this venture as well. By leveraging our power through Groundswell, we were able to get a lower price on clean energy than what we could achieve on our own.

By subcontracting for clean power, we are reducing our environmental impact and supporting a cleaner and more sustainable future. With our group, we will have the collective environmental impact of removing 3,263 cars from the road for a year.

This is one way that we respect the interdependent web of existence, our 7th Unitarian Universalist principle.



We are 100% wind powered!

Adult Religious Exploration

Spiritual Practices (3rd Sundays 11:45-1:15)

- ◆ **15 June - Life Practices:** What practices do we follow to enrich and enliven our life?
- ◆ **No meeting in July.** Summer break.
- ◆ **17 August - Justice Practices:** What actions do we take to extend justice to another person? How does justice enrich our lives?
- ◆ **21 Sept—Back & Forth:** Review of spiritual practices in our lives.

After the schedule above, we will select a new curriculum. Ale would like to propose an idea, and hopefully she can visit us to explain her idea. Other suggestions welcome.

Cultural Literacy of World Religions (1st Sundays 11:45-1:15)

We watch a half-hour video and have group discussions on various religions. We entered into Talmudic discussion on interpretations of what it means to be Jewish. The June session has been switched to the 5th Sunday of the month.

- ◆ **29 June—Living a Jewish Life**
- ◆ **3 August—Life of Jesus**
- ◆ **7 September—Catholic & Orthodox**

Capital Pride Parade & Festival

When: June 7-8

Where: NW Washington DC

Details:

The parade “steps off” at 4:30 pm June 7 at 22nd & P Streets, NW.

The Pride Parade travels 1.5 miles through Dupont Circle and 17th Street, passes by the Logan Circle neighborhood and ends along the revitalized 14th Street corridor at S Street.

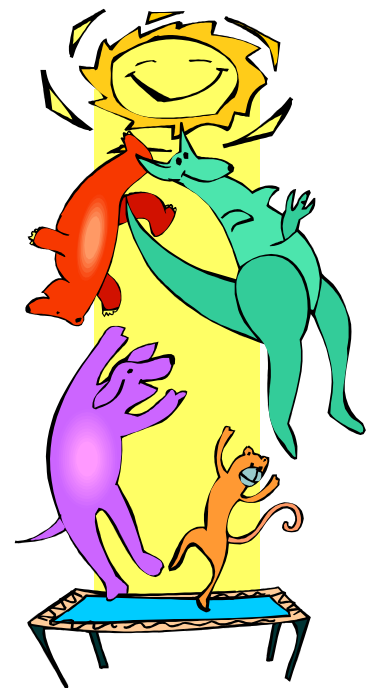
(capitalpride.org/parade).

The Festival takes place from noon until 7 pm on Sunday, June 8, on Pennsylvania Ave/7th Street NW, between the National Gallery of Art and the US

Capitol.

As in previous years, UUs for Social Justice will show our solidarity with the LGBT community by marching in the parade as well as hosting an information booth during the festival. We are still very much in need of volunteers to staff the booth for 1 ½ hr shifts. Please contact Rev Cyn to let her know if you can help with this.

For additional information about Standing on the Side of Love and Unitarian Universalist presence at the Capital Pride Parade & Festival, please see the UUSJ web page: <http://uusj.net/wp/>



Board Meeting Minutes*

May 12, 2014



* 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, Sally Raymond, Kevin Smith (via Skype)

Building & Facilities: The Lock Box Combination has been changed. The congregation may need a new refrigerator soon. Sally will look at the options for replacement. The closet needs some sheetrock replaced. Sally is authorized to arrange for the repair unless the price is exorbitant.

Kaplan Scheduling: Two classes are scheduled for July-Oct.

Budget: There are 26 pledges with a projected deficit of \$11,600 for the next fiscal year. We had a budget deficit for the current year, but we managed to make up the difference. The past 3 years, we have been in the black. There is a small increase in the Joseph Priestly District dues for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board approved the budget.

Green Energy: Groundswell worked out an agreement for 100% wind power with Constellation Energy. This

replaces Clean Currents, that we have been using as our green energy supplier.

Committee on Ministry: Steve has talked with Noreen about her representation. Sid needs to help Alethea set up her goals for next year. Sid & Alethea may be going to Indianapolis for O.W.L. training for "younger students" (grades 4-6).

Board Nominations: Dick Wobus & Yaa may consider Trustee At Large positions. So far no one has stepped forward for the president or secretary positions. Cyn suggested asking Debra Braswell to consider the Secretary position. Sally offered to ask her. Cyn will ask Yaa about the At Large position. Steve will talk to Dick Wobus (At Large position). Pete is willing to take the Vice President position. Sally accepted Steve's nomination for the Board President. Steve is willing to stay on the Nominating Committee and the Committee on Ministry. Steve will ask Loraine & Roxie if they will consider serving on the Nominating Committee.

Summer Schedule: Loraine will be away on Aug 10. Cyn will check with Dick Wobus about music for the service. Cyn is working on arranging the worship services for the summer — Cyn will take one Sunday in July and one in August.

Adopt-A-Highway: We are getting the section of 301 between Pointer Ridge & Queen Anne Bridge Road. The sign is being made. We will need to get training and vests, then we will need to host clean-up events 4 times per year.

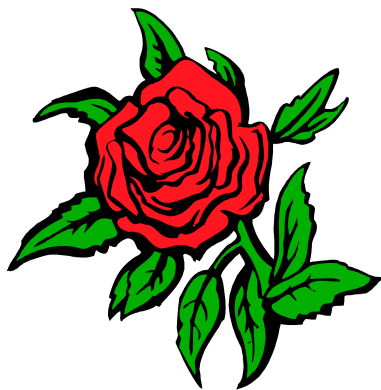
The city council approved the development next door for a mixed-use facility.

Goodloe is approaching its 30th anniversary as a congregation. The first meetings were in 1984 & became an official UU congregation in 1988.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 16, at 7pm. Both outgoing and new members should attend.

Camping in the Grove

August 10-14: Five days of fun-filled summer adventure for children going into 4th through 7th grade at Murray Grove Retreat & Renewal Center in Lanoka Harbor, NJ. Camping in the Grove is an exciting overnight camping opportunity for young Unitarian Universalists on a beautiful 20 acre campus that is the traditional birthplace of Universalism in America.



Campers will make new friends, share lots of laughs, try new things, and make deeper connections to our UU community and faith. It utilizes the acclaimed "Chalice Camp" curriculum written by Laila Ibrahim & Rev. Sheri Prud'homme.

The cost for this camp is \$425 and includes semi-private rooms in dormitory style housing, food, and all activities.

If you have questions or wish to register a child, please visit the Murray Grove website:

<http://www.murraygrove.org>



UU Mid-Atlantic Community

UUMAC is 13-19 July, 2014. It is a full & exciting week of intentional community for all ages. Please check the website for more information: daily worship, workshops, afternoon and evening activities. Registration information is here:

<http://www.uumac.org/wordpress/uumac-2014>

Ken Shilling will be leading SOUL PLAY for youth and adults at UUMAC 2014. Each day will have a theme and we will find creative ways to explore who we are as individuals and share our stories with each other in fun ways.

"We have to confront ourselves. Do we like what we see in the mirror? And, according to our light, according to our understanding, according to our courage, we will have to say yea or nay - and rise!"

*Maya Angelou
4/4/28 – 5/28/14*

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship/RE	2	3	4	5 6:30 Spiral Scouts	6 7pm Social Justice Film & Discussion	7
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July 2014

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Notice: Lorraine Webb, Maryland Notary

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**Goodloe Memorial
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation** is named
for Don Speed Smith
Goodloe, first principal of
Maryland Normal and
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