



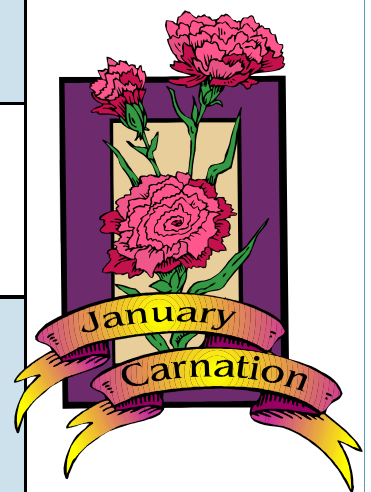
Odyssey

January 2015

Sunday Services

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Jan 11	<p><i>Building the Beloved Community – How Social, Political, Economic and Environmental Justice Are Related</i> Steve Buckingham</p> <p>The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland has been actively working on a variety of social, political, economic and environmental issues since its creation in 2005. We will explore how these types of justice actions are related and support the creation of a Beloved Community based on the interrelatedness of the world's inhabitants.</p>
Jan 18	<p><i>From Selma to Ferguson: Black Lives Matter— Our Unfinished Business</i> Paula Cole Jones*</p> <p>What is our responsibility as Unitarian Universalists to finish the unfinished business of racial justice and inclusion? How do we stand in solidarity with the social movements of our times and how do they change us? Now is the time for UU Principles to guide us, but do they go far and deep enough to result in social change regarding racial inequity. Some think it is time for an 8th Principle:</p> <p><i>“Members of the congregations of the UUA affirm and promote a journey toward spiritual wholeness by building a diverse, multicultural ‘Beloved Community’ that accountably dismantles racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”</i></p> <p>* Please see the Guest Speaker Bio on Page 3.</p>
Jan 25	<p><i>Seeing God in One Another</i> Rev. Snavelly</p> <p>“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen,” I John 4:20.</p>
Feb 1	<p><i>Diversity Vs. Inclusion</i> Aléthea Shiplett</p> <p>We will examine how the focus of our efforts towards greater diversity in our UU congregations has had limited results and how refocusing on "inclusion" will get us closer to our vision of Beloved Community.</p>
Feb 8	<p><i>What Does Supporting My Congregation Mean?</i> Rev. Snavelly & Sid Soderholm</p> <p>What does supporting Goodloe mean to you? Volunteering to make programs happen? Coming up with new ideas for the good of the community? Inviting others to come? Giving money? All of the above and more? Today we consider what supporting a congregation looks like.</p>



From the Minister



Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation:

Back in the 1980s I received a Christmas letter that impressed me enough that it is still in my Christmas files. The text, the letter says, is adapted from Martin Luther. It begins with a quote from The Gospel of Luke. “Meanwhile the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for what they had heard and seen....” The letter then goes on to say, “THIS IS WRONG. We should correct this passage to read, They went and fasted, left their flocks, and took up full-time Christian work. Instead we read, the shepherds returned.

“Where to? To their sheep. Oh, that cannot be right. Did they not leave everything and follow Christ? But the scripture says plainly that they returned and did exactly the same work as before. They did not despise their service, but took it up

again with all fidelity, and I tell you that no bishop on earth ever had so fine a crook as those shepherds.”

The letter seems to make a point very opposite to T. S. Eliot’s poem, “Journey of the Magi” with his magus protagonist ending his story by saying, “We returned to our places, these Kingdoms, but no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods.”

What is the difference between the shepherds and the magi? They both return to their old places and work, so that is no different. What is different is with whom they are working. The shepherds are working with each other, people who have shared the same experience. The traditional story of the magi is that they come from separate kingdoms and meet in Jerusalem on their search. They then return to their separate kingdoms. The magus of Eliot’s

poem is not with people who have shared his experience. He refers to his own people as “alien” to him.

I thought of these stories in relation to us. Many of us have had an epiphany in our lives that took us away from our people. It occurred to us, not that we believed, but that we did not believe. We did not believe Jesus was God incarnate or that Mary was a virgin when she gave birth or that Joseph Smith found the Book of Mormon carved on golden tablets or that Moses divided the Red Sea or that Saul disobeyed God by not killing every man, woman, child and domestic animal as commanded. We were no longer at ease with the people who had been our

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Welcome Our Upcoming Guest Speaker

On Sunday, January 18, we welcome Paula Cole Jones to Goodloe Memorial as a guest speaker. Ms. Jones is a lifelong member of All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, DC. She serves as Racial & Social Justice Consultant for the Joseph Priestley District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. She is also a management consultant and has over twenty years of experience in designing and facilitating programs, workshops, and dialogues for leaders and organizations. For the past decade, she has worked with ministers, congregations, boards,

committees, districts and the staff of the UUA as an anti-racism and anti-oppression consultant. Paula is a former president of DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries). She founded ADORE, A Dialogue on Race & Ethnicity in 1999, and she has conducted hundreds of group discussions across the country. She is currently a member of the Editorial Board for Skinner House Books, and the editor of a book entitled, *Encounter: Poems about race, ethnicity and identity*.

Religious Exploration: Prophetic Voices for 2015

Welcome to the new year! And a new theme for our religious exploration! You are invited to participate with our Goodloe children in hearing prophetic voices that contributed to our founding principles and vision of Beloved Community. We will journey together through history to learn about the lives and wisdoms of those "innovators" who helped us look at our interdependence, our commitment to the democratic process and a vision of Beloved Community that compels us to be our better selves.

Our children will continue to explore their UU identities with our DRE, Ms. Aléthea

on 2nd and 3rd Sundays. Additionally, the children will hear a Spirit Play story exploring the impact these prophetic individuals have made upon our lives and identities as UUs. You, my dear adults, will join them on this journey by hearing great stories about these individuals during "Time For All Ages."

Additionally, you - beloved adults - are invited to submit names of prophetic voices which you would like to be included in this year's stories. You may decide to stretch yourselves a bit and sign up to volunteer during RE to offer your story of an important prophetic voice OR you may submit the name of the

person to Aléthea to develop the Spirit Play story for you. It's up to you!

Join Ms. Aléthea and the children in this exploration of compelling and inspiring voices who helped bring us to this moment. Then join us as we share with the entire congregation a year-end presentation on what we've learned together."

Adult Religious Exploration

The topic for Adult RE on Jan 18 will be "The Many Forms and Rituals of Protestantism." You are welcome to join any day that you are able, even if you can't attend the "full" curriculum for a series.



MP3 audio files of Rev. Snavely'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.



Goodloe News & Announcements

Please Donate Items to Help People Who Are Homeless

Goodloe is collecting items to help people who are homeless during the winter season. Our goal is to fill bags for 50 people.

Please sign up for the number and type of items you want to donate so that others will know what is needed. Then put your donations in the appropriate bag. Labeled bags for each item type are located in the Blue Room.

We will assemble gift bags during the Worship Service on Sunday, Jan 18.

We will deliver the gift bags on Monday Jan 19 (Martin Luther King Day). Meet at Goodloe at 6:00 am. Please sign up 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
- ◇ Reusable bags to hold above items



Goodloe Welcomes New Member Alphonso J. Blakeney, Jr. (AJ)

AJ has been singing with the Goodloe Memorial choir and has recently signed the membership book becoming a member of the congregation. Music is much of AJ's life. His voice has taken him into many career endeavors such as choral, background, demo and solo singing in both classical and popular music. He is currently completing his Bachelor of Arts in Music with a concentration in vocal performance

at Bowie State University. He has expanded his career into arts administration and education. In these two areas, he provides instruction in voice, general music and art history. He also assists in various fine arts exhibitions,



More News & Announcements

Save the Date—Warm Nights Dinner

Date: Friday March 13, 2015

Location: Village Baptist Church, Bowie

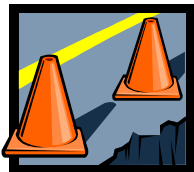
Goodloe will serve dinner to guests who are homeless at Village Baptist Church as part of the Prince George's County Warm Nights program. Warm Nights is an interfaith program that provides shelter and food to people who are homeless during the winter months. As part of a partnership with PG County Social Services, counseling, transportation and other support services are also provided.

In a few weeks we will have sign-up sheets posted for volunteers. We hope you will consider donating your time to this important program.

- Provide dinner items. The menu includes salad, dessert, rolls, lasagna
- Serve dinner and visit with the homeless guests at Village Baptist Church.

Monthly Fundraisers

In November, Goodloe earned \$30 through its Amazon.com fundraiser and \$138 through Giant Scrip Sales. Thank you for supporting Goodloe!



Goodloe Adopt-A-Highway

- ◆ Our December litter pickup event was canceled due to weather. Please contact Pete Boudriault to find out when it is being rescheduled.
- ◆ Volunteers will be provided orange vests, bottled water and plastic bags.
- ◆ Long handled grabbing implements are a welcome asset.
- ◆ Volunteers should dress appropriately for the type of work and the weather conditions. Insect repellent is at your personal discretion.
- ◆ The scheduled time period is three hours but volunteers may work for as much time as they are willing and able.
- ◆ Please contact Pete by phone or email to volunteer. It is necessary that he knows in advance that you plan to participate.



Goodloe Monthly Activities

Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday, February 6, 7:00 pm

Pay 2 Play: Democracy's High Stakes (2014)

Goodloe will be welcoming guests from [Get Money Out—Maryland \(GMOM\)](#) for this event.

If our political system is like a game of Monopoly, how can outsiders have a voice when only money speaks? John Ennis documents comical corruption, follows political newcomers, and uncovers intrigue in this colorful journey that connects the dots of Big Money in our ever-challenging election process.

Driven to make the world better for his newborn daughter, Ennis looks for ways outsiders can lead when our country is run by insiders and pay-to-play politics. He journeys through high drama on the Ohio campaign trail, uncovers the secret history of America's past time, and explores the underworld of L.A. street art on a humorous odyssey that reveals how much of a difference one person can make. From billionaires meeting in secret to citizens taking to the streets, PAY 2 PLAY follows the money and connects the dots in this portrait of People Power rising. 88 minutes.

Goodloe Readers

Tuesday, January 20, 7:30 pm

Goodloe Readers will now be meeting on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Upcoming books 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.

January: *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert

February: *The Distance Between Us: A Memoir* by Reyna Grande

Goodloe Coffee House

Saturday, Jan 17, 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

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir rehearses at 6:30 pm on successive Thursdays, then performs the music at Sunday services, as listed:

- ⇒ Rehearsals on January 8 & 15.
Worship on January 18.
- ⇒ Rehearsals on February 5 & 12.
Worship on February 15.
- ⇒ Rehearsals on March 5 and 12.
Worship on March 15.

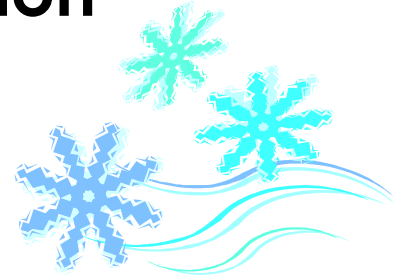
Bowie Springs Meditation

The Bowie Springs Meditation group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month from 7:15 ~ 9 pm. 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.

For Your Information

The Goodloe Endowment Fund

Back in 2009 the Goodloe Board established a memorial endowment fund which members and friends of the congregation can use to memorialize deceased friends and relations, or to honor living friends or relations. The principal in the fund accumulates in perpetuity, and the interest earned by the account can be dispersed by the Board at its discretion or allowed to accumulate. The donors are given a receipt because their contribution is tax deductible. A suitable card announcing the gift, is sent to the honoree (if living), or to the family of the honoree (if deceased), and the gift is recorded in a memorial book maintained by the congregation. The balance in the Endowment Fund following recent gifts in memory of David Goodkind and others is \$4375.00. Anyone with questions regarding the Endowment Fund can contact Laird Towle at 301-464-1159.



Successful challenge drive!

In December, an anonymous donor among us offered to match up to \$1500 in special donations. Donations against the match totaled \$2095 for a total of \$3595. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously!

Winter Travel Advisories: When Are Goodloe Activities Canceled?



Goodloe's full policy about inclement weather is now posted on our web site:

<http://www.goodloeuu.org/weather/>

Here's a quick summary of *how to find out* if an activity or service is canceled.

If you're part of a group that meets at Goodloe, ask the group's coordinator whether the group follows the local public school operating status. If not, they will let you know how they manage cancelations.

For Sunday services or any other Goodloe activity when the status is uncertain, there are several places where the information is provided:

- The cancelation will be listed at the top of the web page listed earlier in this article.
- An appropriate staff member will add the cancelation information to the church's recorded phone message (301-218-5277).
- A message will be sent to Goodloe's email list. If you already receive emails about upcoming services, this newsletter*, etc., then you are on the email list. If not, you can request to be added at any time:
Goodloe.memorial@gmail.com.

* *The Odyssey* is available through post or email.



UU Regional Activities



Winter Escape 2015 Retreat

A few slots remain open for the Winter Escape 2015 Retreat (WE'15)! The main website is: <https://sites.google.com/site/winterescapeuu/>

The registration link is at the top. WE'15 is in January from Friday, Jan. 16 14 to Monday, Jan. 19, over the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend. It offers social and spiritual activities, workshops, hiking, games, music, cooking, baking, etc. Join the Unitarian Universalist Young Adults (ages 18-35+) in the DC area for a 4-day / 3-night fun-filled getaway!

This year's event (the 6th one!!) will take place at the beautiful [Westmoreland State Park](#) in Virginia, about a 2-hour car ride south from Washington, DC. This is the same location as the Young Souls' awesome Fall 2012 retreat! There are 6 miles of hiking trails in the park, and there are about 1.5 miles of Potomac waterfront land, including a beach area. Some hiking trails start near the cabins and go near the beach area. The park is also located near the town of Colonial Beach, VA, which contains many tourist attractions of historical interest.

UULM-MD Annual Legislative Meeting

When: Saturday, Jan. 17 9am–1:30pm

Where: UU Church of Annapolis
333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, MD

In the past few years, we've had a number of successes as we worked to help pass legislation in Maryland that extends justice to all and protects human rights and our environment. However, there's more work to be done! Let's celebrate our successes and renew our energy as we endeavor to continue moving Maryland forward!

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 2015.

To register for the Annual Legislative Meeting on January 17, 2015, pay your membership fee for 2015, and make a donation to help support the work of UULM-MD, go to our website.

Get on the Train to Selma!

When: Wed., March 4, 2:00 pm—

Thurs., March 5, 10:30 am

Where: Birmingham, AL

Fifty years ago this Spring, many UUs answered the call to join in the struggle for voting rights in Selma, Alabama. Many UUs from the congregations of our Region went to Selma on Amtrak Crescent Train...a train that is still running today.

The issues for which people marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma are still very much with us today. Ride the Crescent Train to Selma with other Unitarian Universalists from the Central East Regional Group, and together we will plan how to work together upon our return to dismantle the structures of systemic racism, and build together the beloved community, while at the same time remembering and honoring the legacy of those who rode the same train 50 years ago, on the March along the Arc of Justice.

For more information, click [here](#).

We hope you'll join us!

From the Minister (*Continued*)

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people, the Catholics, the Mormons, the Lutherans, the Baptists, the Jews. They were now alien to us or, perhaps, more truly, we were now alien to them.

“This birth was hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death,” says the magus. Many of us would not be here if losing our communities had not been hard for us. We would be content to sleep in on Sunday morning or read the Sunday paper in our pajamas. We would not need to come to be a part of a congregation once a week. We stopped believing some of the things the spiritual communities of our past taught us, but we didn’t give up believing in community. There was something we were not willing to give up—a community of adults who all cared about the children, a community that truly wanted something better for the whole world, a community of people who wanted to all do something to help make that better world, a community of people who believed that caring about and for each other was important. We are not the shepherds who all returned to their work together, and we are not the magus who returned to his own people alone and found them

Interfaith Celebration Service

The Interfaith Council of Suburban Maryland presents the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Celebration Service.

When: Monday, Jan. 19, 11:00 am

Where: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
14900 Annapolis Road,
Bowie MD, 20715

Speaker: Police Chief John Nesky

Theme: What Should True Community
Policing Look Like?

alien to him now. We are people trying to create a new community where we fit.

I have said more than once that my holy word is “connection.” I want a community in which I can celebrate those connections and work to make those connections strong and loving. I cannot do that alone. You cannot do that alone. To build a strong community and to live in ways that are good for people and for the planet, that is what I am seeking. I hope that is also what all who come here are seeking. That is what can unite us so that when we return to our work we are not alienated by our experience but blessed by it.

Blessed be,
Cyn



*"Life's most persistent and
urgent question is,
'What are you doing
for others?'"*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 7pm Social Justice Film & Discussion	3
4 10:30 Worship/RE	5 ○ Full Moon	6	7	8 6:30 Bell Choir	9	10
11 10:30 Worship/RE 11:30 Potluck	12	13 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	14	15 6:30 Bell Choir	16	17 7:30pm Coffeehouse
18 10:30 Worship/RE 12pm Adult RE	19	20 7:30 Goodloe Readers	21	22	23	24
25 10:30 Worship/RE 12pm Chinese Buffet	26	27 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	28	29	30	31

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**Deadline for Next Odyssey:
January 22, 2015**

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goodloe.newsletter@gmail.com**

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.

**Goodloe Memorial
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for Don Speed Smith
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