



# Odyssey

April 2015

## Sunday Services

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<p><b>Apr 5</b> <b>8:30</b></p>	<p><i>Ostara</i> Angela &amp; Kris Peerman, Rev. Snively At the Peerman home: 17312 Queen Anne Bridge Rd., Bowie The pagan holiday of Ostara is on the Spring Equinox, but it has been our tradition at Goodloe to celebrate it on Easter Sunday. We celebrate the rebirth of the earth as the land begins to warm, plants begin to green and animals give birth. <b>There will be a special collection for the Goodloe scholarship fund.</b></p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Sunday Services</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>From the Minister</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>Youth Religious Exploration</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>Goodloe Celebration</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Monthly Activities</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>Announcements</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>Workshop Information</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>Calendar</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>Staff Directory</td><td>9</td></tr> </table>	Sunday Services	1	From the Minister	2	Youth Religious Exploration	3	Goodloe Celebration	4	Monthly Activities	5	Announcements	6	Workshop Information	7	Calendar	8	Staff Directory	9
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<p><b>Apr 5</b> <b>10:30</b></p>	<p><i>Beyond Loss to an Embrace of Life—Easter</i> Jesus’s disciples first reaction to his arrest and execution was to go into hiding. They had to roll the stone from their own self-chosen tombs and come out to live again.</p>																			
<p><b>Apr 12</b></p>	<p><i>It Would Have Been Enough Passover</i> Rev. Snively “Ben Zoma teaches: ‘Who is rich? The one who is content with what one has.’...By returning to a sense of Dayenu, of thinking deeply about what is enough, we have the potential to change ourselves and our world. May we be blessed, on this Pesach and beyond, to replace the idolatry of consumption with an embrace of all that we have.” Joshua Ratner</p>																			
<p><b>Apr 19</b></p>	<p><i>Earth Day Service</i> Rev. Snively This year a coalition of Unitarian Universalist organizations have launched a new program, Commit2Respond. They say that, “We believe that saving our biosphere is possible, but it will take a paradigm shift and a revolution of values to get there. Our framework is simple: to meet this challenge we need to <b>SHIFT</b> to a low carbon future, <b>ADVANCE</b> the human rights of affected communities, and <b>GROW</b> the climate justice movement.” <b>There will be a special collection for <u>Interfaith Power and Light</u>; DC,MD, NoVA Chapter Interfaith Power &amp; Light (MD•DC•NoVA) works with hundreds of congregations of all faiths across Maryland, DC, and Northern Virginia to save energy, go green, and respond to climate change.</b></p>																			
<p><b>Apr 26</b></p>	<p>Sunday Service will be led by <b>Alfonso Blakeney, Jr.</b> Information will be available soon via email.</p>																			
<p><b>May 3</b></p>	<p><i>Claiming a Voice in Our National Government</i> Rev. Snively Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice in the National Capital Region is slowly moving toward more advocacy work on Capitol Hill. Issue areas have been immigration reform, human rights for people who are lgbtq, economic justice and environmental issues. <b>There will be a special collection for <u>Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice in the National Capital Region</u>. UUSJ’s mission is to mobilize and amplify the voice of Unitarian Universalists in the National Capital Region (NCR) as we seek to change the world through acts of love and justice.</b></p>																			

# From Our Minister

**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.



Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

I hope that you are planning to come to the Goodloe Celebration this year and that you are planning to bring friends with you. This is a good opportunity to introduce your family and friends to our congregation and to Unitarian Universalism.

Did you ever wonder why Bowie is a college town that does not have the feel of a college town? Bowie State is a historically black university. When Bowie was developed in the late 1950s and 1960s it was developed by William Levitt as a Levittown. As with other Levittowns, only white individuals and families could purchase a home in the development. More recently both the college and the town have made efforts to reach out to one another.

The scholarship at Bowie State that our congregation began in our namesake, Rev. Goodloe's honor is an effort to connect town and school within our congregation. Rev. Goodloe was the first African American graduate of Meadville Theological School, a

Unitarian seminary, and he served as the first principal of the Normal School at Bowie, now Bowie State.

Many students at Bowie State are still the first in their families to attend college. Often the student has the money for tuition but runs short on book money or on bus fare. The scholarship in Rev. Goodloe's name can make a difference to a student who needs a little extra help in order to make it to graduation day.

Please come to the celebration on April 25 and make a donation to the scholarship fund.

Blessed be,

Cyn



*"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending"*

*Maria Robinson, Author*

# Religious Exploration, Spirit Play Corner

## Youth RE—What is Worship?

Picture the children seated in a circle around a chalice. They are solemn as the candle is lit and the words affirming their UU identity are offered. They share stories from their lives that they are celebrating - visits with friends and family members, adventures, family outings. They also share sorrows, worries and thoughts that weigh heavy on their tender spirits.

Children, as all humans, are spiritual beings. To some this may simply mean that they are meaning-making creatures. To others, this may signify that they are connected to that great mystery of life that some call God. So what is it, in that sacred moment around the chalice, that they are experiencing that is unique to that setting? That is unique to worship? And would it be the same experience if they were just sharing stories about their lives? Or telling jokes? Or were playing with Legos®?

There is something unique and crucial that we connect with experientially when we are worshipping — be it comfort from our struggles during the past week. Or connection to something greater than ourselves — perhaps our community, our concept of God, or our "still, small voice." Think about what feeds you during

worship on Sunday mornings. Think about what doesn't feed you. Then recognize that it is the same for your children.

The act of coming together to share this unique and intimate experience is perhaps the most

profound and powerful aspect of worship. We are wired for community and connection. And how often, during our busy lives, do we set aside uninterrupted time in a prepared space, with others, to bring our authentic selves, open up to the mystery, call ourselves to account and lift each other up?

Do you have a ritual at home when you gather with your children as a family?

Is there a chalice that you light regularly? Are there special words or songs you share together? Is there a strategy for sharing joys and concerns? We are not just raising children. We are raising spiritual, emotional, physical, sexual and intellectual beings. Let's nurture the call of sacred time and space in their lives, as well as in our own lives.

Namaste!

Aléthea Shiplett



*Illustration courtesy of Phil Ware,  
UU Tree of Life Community, Dayton, OH.*

# Announcing our Annual Goodloe Celebration

**Saturday April 25 from 4–7 pm**

**Reception: 4:00pm**

**Program: 4:30pm**

To honor our namesake, Rev. Don Speed Smith Goodloe, we commemorate his work in education and our partnership with Bowie State University.

## **Panel Discussion Transforming Our Faith Communities: The Journeys of Ministers of Color**

### **Featured Speakers:**

- ◆ Rev Abhi Janamanchi
- ◆ Rev. John Crestwell
- ◆ Rev Dr. Leon Dunkley
- ◆ Rev. Archene Turner

**Music by the Goodloe Choir**

**Directed by Bowie State student Noreen Chin**

**The Story of Rev. Don Speed Smith Goodloe**

**Presentation by Richard Morris**

**Donations to the Goodloe Scholarship  
at Bowie State University are appreciated.**

To request childcare for ages seven and under RSVP to 301-789-8638. For all other questions call 240-475-2111.

**Please volunteer to help make this event a success!** Signup sheet is located in the coffee area. Items below are particularly needed:

- ◆ Provide food for the reception
- ◆ Setup and cleanup
- ◆ Childcare

# Goodloe Monthly Activities

## Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm

*Fed Up (2014)*

Childhood obesity has become an ever-more serious medical issue in the United States. This documentary examines the underlying causes behind the epidemic, including the marketing strategies of major U.S. food producers. 90 minutes.

**The Social Justice Film & Discussion group will not meet in May due to other commitments.**

## 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 meditation, and a dharma talk and discussion. Participants are invited to stay & enjoy a cup of tea following the activity on 4th Tuesdays.

## Monthly Fundraisers

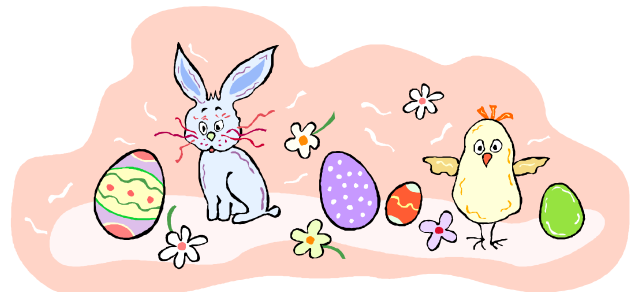
In February, Goodloe earned \$30 through its Amazon.com fundraiser and \$110 through Giant Scrip Sales. Thank you for supporting Goodloe!

## Goodloe Readers

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30pm

This month we will be discussing Alexander the Great. Read any biography or other source that includes information about him. Was he really that great? What exactly does "great" mean, anyway?

For more information and to discuss future book topics, please contact Karen Ackermann.



## Goodloe Coffee House

Saturday, April 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)

# Announcements

## Adult RE Schedule

Last month we (finally!) had an interesting discussion of Protestantism. We looked at the early forms of Protestantism and discussed whether we would agree with any of the early tenets. Then we discussed Unitarianism and the three of the seven principles. Universalism was not covered due to the time constraints of the half hour video.

Here is the adult RE schedule for the World Religions topics for next six months. Discussion starts at noon (after the Sunday service) and ends at 1 p.m.

- ◆ 19 April - Mohamed and Islam
- ◆ 17 May - Five Pillars of Islam
- ◆ 21 June - Diversity of Islam
- ◆ 19 July - Jains, Sihks, Bahai
- ◆ 16 August - Religion and the Law
- ◆ 20 September - Religion Today - Current issues

We are hoping that there are no snow days during this six month period.

## JPD District Assembly: Weaving the Fabric of Our Faith

When: April 10-11, 2015

Where: ACE Conference Ctr,  
800 Ridge Pike,  
Lafayette Hill, PA

Keynote Speakers: Mark  
Bernstein & Patricia Infante,  
both from UUA  
Congregational Life Staff,  
Central East Regional Group  
(CERG).

## Volunteer Opportunity: Christmas in April

When: Saturday, April 25, 8 am  
Where: Old Bowie

Members of Goodloe will be joining with others to work on a house in old Bowie as part of the Christmas in April program. Contact Rev. Cyn, 240-475-2111, [minister@goodlouu.org](mailto:minister@goodlouu.org) or Sid Soderholm 301-789-8638, [sidsoderholm@yahoo.com](mailto:sidsoderholm@yahoo.com) for more information.



## UUMAC Registration Open

When: July 12-18, 2015

Where: Allentown, PA

From the website: For adults, the mornings are a time for stimulation and growth, free from family & other responsibilities. While the children and youth attend age-appropriate programs, adults join together for worship led by the Minister of the Week, after which the Theme Speaker presents a talk on this summer's theme. Adults complete their morning by dispersing into smaller groups to develop their creative, intellectual, socially active, or spiritual sides in the various workshops.

For more information, talk to Ken Shilling or Sally Raymond.

# Embracing our Multicultural Present and Future

A workshop with Phyllis Braxton (One Ummah and PINK Consulting)

**Where:** UU Church of Annapolis

**When:** Fri, May 1 – Sun, May 3

**Registration:** \$60 online

Differences can create challenges, even conflict. Those challenges and conflicts can either invigorate or divide a congregation as well as the families, institutions and communities in which we live. In an increasingly diverse world, broadening and deepening our understanding and skills in order to live with difference is a critical part of living in right relationships and shaping the beloved community of inherent worth and dignity for all. Becoming interculturally competent can be life affirming and lifesaving and support us on our journey. As we live and work in increasingly multicultural settings, our success depends more and more on our willingness to engage, respond, navigate and move forward with each other.

This workshop will give you practical knowledge and tools to heighten your awareness to effectively manage and resolve conflicts between what is and what could be. You will leave with greater awareness of how culture impacts cognitive and behavioral responses to conflict and how to apply this awareness to our congregation and your personal and professional interactions.

## **Friday, May 1, 7-9 pm: The Basics of Intercultural Competency**

Growing and deepening our capacity for successful multicultural ministries and stronger intercultural relationships is critical to the fulfillment of our vision for Unitarian Universalism and building the Beloved Community. Intercultural Competency is a model that says we develop over time in our ability to perceive and respond to cultural differences and similarities. The model assumes that we are all

somewhere on this continuum of development, meaning that we are all learning and we all can learn. Intercultural Competence can be acquired with the right experience and support. It's an incredibly hopeful and empowering model.

## **Saturday, May 2, 9:30-4 pm: Resolving Conflict and IC**

A critical — yet unrecognized — difficulty we face in our organizations, communities and families is many of our disagreements are often grounded in very different approaches people take for authentically resolving disputes with one another. Using the Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory will provide participants with in-depth information about their own approach for resolving conflict across cultures. In addition, participants learn about the four cross-cultural conflict styles assessed by the ICS Inventory, strengths and weaknesses of each intercultural conflict style, and how their own conflict style compares to the conflict style of their own and other cultural communities. (A link will be provided on received registrations for the ICS Inventory)

## **Sunday, May 3, 9 am & 11 am Sunday Services: Living in an Intercultural Congregation**

The Ministry and IC Teams, with Phyllis Braxton, will engage the congregation in the promises of Intercultural Competency as a path to healing and wholeness.

Your registration fee covers that cost of Friday evening snack, Saturday light breakfast and sandwich and salad lunch.

Child care will be provided upon request by April 17.

# April 2015

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
			1	2	3 7pm Social Justice Film & Discussion	4 ○ Full Moon
5 <b>Easter</b> 8:30 Sunrise Svc (Peerman House) 10:30 Worship/RE	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 Worship/RE 11:30 Potluck	13	14 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	15	16	17	18 7:30pm Coffeehouse
19 10:30 Worship/RE	20	21 7:30 Goodloe Readers	22	23	24	25 4:00-7:00 pm Goodloe Celebration
26 10:30 Worship/RE 12:00 Chinese Buffet	27	28 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	29	30		



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April 22, 2015**

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Goodloe, first principal of  
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