



# Odyssey

June 2015

## Sunday Services

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| <p><b>Jun 7</b></p>  | <p><i>Play: A Spiritual Practice</i> Rev. John Gaffney, Minster Emeritus</p> <p>In this tech world, we are wired almost all of our waking hours and the demands of daily life seem to leave little time for anything else. Yet play is essential to a healthy life and not only for children. Summer may be the season to reenter, to reintroduce this "spiritual practice."</p>  | <p>Sunday Services 1</p>         |
| <p><b>Jun 14</b></p> | <p><i>Religious Exploration Sunday</i> Aléthea Shiplett, RE Director</p> <p>Please join this multigenerational service where children and adults will share with each other what we believe. How are we different? How are we the same?</p>   | <p>From the Minister 2</p>       |
| <p><b>Jun 21</b></p> | <p><i>Unspeakable: A Mother's Journey</i> Kay Armstrong Baker</p> <p>After her daughter's death in 2000, Kay Armstrong Baker began journaling, compelled to express herself in writing as a way to cope with this unspeakable event in her life. Her book, <i>Unspeakable</i> is a compilation of her journal entries—a personal account from the heart of her grief, despair, anger, and hope. It's an honest, heart-wrenching, yet hopeful book that bravely deals with what most parents fear the most—the loss of a child. In this service, Kay will share something of her book.</p> | <p>President's Perspective 3</p> |
| <p><b>Jun 28</b></p> | <p><i>Desiderata</i> Rev. Snavelly</p> <p><a href="#">Desiderata</a> (Latin for “desired things”) is a 1927 poem by the American writer Max Ehrmann. A Baltimore clergyman included it in a book of devotions in 1956. In the late 1960s and early 1970s it was widely available in poster form and was used as a spoken word track on two albums. The poem is one of the readings suggested as a basis for a sermon this year by a Goodloe member.</p>   | <p>Monthly Activities 4</p>      |
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**MP3 audio files of sermons are available** on the Goodloe website via the [Sermon Archive page](#). Services are generally posted within a week or two after each service.

## From Our Minister

Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe Memorial:

For those of you who have not heard my announcement at the Annual Meeting, I will be leaving Goodloe this Fall.

My daughter, son-in-law and grandsons will be moving back to the States at the end of the summer. My oldest grandson, Dorian, will be entering middle school this fall. I have made the decision to move with my daughter and her family so that I may enjoy my grandchildren's childhoods.

I will not be retiring but seeking employment near wherever my son-in-law is stationed. As of this writing, it looks like we will be in Newport News, VA.

I am planning to be with Goodloe through September, at which point, I will have completed thirteen years as your minister. The Board will be considering what will come next regarding professional leadership and Goodloe.

I will miss all of you whom I have come to know and care about in these years. I hope that this decision will allow both me and the congregation to grow in new ways.

Blessed be,

Cyn



## Upcoming Guest Speaker Our Minister Emeritus, Rev. John Gaffney

Rev. John Gaffney grew up in Philadelphia. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1962 and served as a Franciscan missionary in Bolivia (where he reached remote Aymara Indian villages by mule) and in Chile where he worked to establish an experimental mission among the poor. (At this time he lived in the packing crate of a car.) He then served a large Catholic parish in New Jersey for five years. After he left the priesthood, he was a social worker with delinquent teenagers in the "Hell's Kitchen" area of New York City for five years; a cab driver and, subsequently, an administrator for a residential program for abused and neglected children in New York State. He then used his background to become a Latin teacher at a private co-ed boarding school and subsequently taught Latin at Holton-Arms School in Bethesda. Leaving academia, he then worked as a salesman for Encyclopedia Britannica for ten years. After these

experiences, he finally returned to the ministry as a Unitarian Universalist minister, where he has served churches in Cumberland and Hagerstown and Bowie. While in Cumberland, John taught a required course in ethics at Frostburg State. At this time, he also served as chaplain at Memorial Hospital and Finan psychiatric hospital in Cumberland. His last ministry was in Bowie where he also served as an on-call chaplain at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring. In "retirement," he performs many weddings, using his Master's degree in counseling for premarital counseling and crisis intervention. He also performs memorial services and child dedications where he welcomes the child into the world. He has been married to Beverly for more than forty years; they have two daughters and five grandchildren. They moved to Leisure World in May, 2010. They enjoy travel and they have spent several winters in Isla Mujeres, Mexico, an island near Cancun.

## President's Perspective: Planning for an Adventure

Many people are making individual choices, and we are all feeling the effects on the Goodloe Community. For example, I plan on fully retiring this year so I can research my Lincoln project. I rejoice at the prospects of writing a book, and at the same time, I regret that I must reduce my pledge next year. So, I have personally weighed many conflicting emotions regarding my own life, and other transitions within my family. As a congregation, we will have many conversations to sort through many different emotions in our community regarding change and prospects. Together, we will set a destination and a course for us to follow in the coming months.

I respect Reverend Cyn Snavely's decision to move so she can be more present with her mobile, military family. It is hard to be away from family for long extended periods, and it will be wonderful for her to be Grandma with her grandsons. I am proud of the work Reverend Snavely has done with Bowie State University. Through her connections, we have enjoyed the wonderful talents of a BSU music student as choir director. I trust that we are able to continue this vibrant relationship far into the future.

At the congregational meeting, Sally Raymond reviewed all of our many accomplishments. For a small congregation, we have more (staff, a choir, a building) than many other congregations our size. We are one of the few that provides a scholarship

to a historically black university. Over the next few months, we will all have a chance to discuss our accomplishments. What do we truly value...and how do we want to continue providing that mission in the future.

As newly elected President, Sally and I will have an old/new board meeting in early June. We will plan for a Goodloe Board retreat to review all the information and options. We will put together a short-term plan and a long-term plan.

In the short term, we will have our traditional summer services and Cyn will be with us through September. This will give us time to have conversations throughout July and August. I looking forward to our conversations.

There will be a process throughout this period - presenting information, outlining options, having in-depth conversations, and deciding our course. We will need some interim period to work through what we want for a ministerial presence. There are a number of options to consider (what we want, what we can afford). Over the course of the next year, we will have an opportunity to explore and to experiment. We will have many emotions as we go through this process. It is important that we go through this process together.

Ken Shilling



## Volunteers Needed for Summer Sunday Services

This year we are asking all who sign up to lead a summer Sunday service to come out to a planning/training meeting. We will offer two dates. Volunteers only need to attend one of the two sessions. The dates are Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Goodloe or Sunday, June 14 at 12:00 noon at Goodloe.

Look for a sign up calendar for Sunday, July 5 through Sunday, August 30 in the fellowship area at Goodloe or contact Rev. Cyn at 240-475-2111 (voice or text) or [minister@goodloeuu.org](mailto:minister@goodloeuu.org) to volunteer.

# Goodloe Monthly Activities



## Social Justice Film & Discussion

Friday, June 5, 7:00 pm

*Bidder (2012)*

This documentary relates the saga of Tim DeChristopher, who brazenly bid \$1.7 million to win 12 land parcels at a federal oil lease auction. With no intention of paying — and determined to protect the land — the activist begins a long legal battle. 73 minutes.

**The Social Justice Film & Discussion group will not meet in July due to the (July 4) holiday weekend.**

## 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.

## Goodloe Readers

Tuesday, June 16, 7:30pm

*Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power, and How They Can Be Restored* by Marcus Borg

Copies are available in PG & Howard County libraries. All are welcome to come! You don't have to read the entire book to be part of the discussion.

Also, see our upcoming titles:

- **July:** *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough: The Search for a Life that Matters* by Harold Kushner
- **August:** Article by Richard Heinberg
- **September:** *The Road to Character* by David Brooks



## Goodloe Coffeeshouse

Saturday, June 20, 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: [coffeeshouse@goodloeuu.org](mailto:coffeeshouse@goodloeuu.org)

## Monthly Fundraisers

Thank you for supporting Goodloe through our ongoing fundraisers. See our

|             | March | April |
|-------------|-------|-------|
| Giant Scrip | \$153 | \$126 |
| Amazon      | \$12  | \$25  |

# Goodloe Financial Report for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-15

Summary report of operating income and expenses for 1 July - 30 September 2014 compared to  $\frac{3}{4}$  times the budgeted amount (rounded to the nearest dollar).

## Social Action (Special collections for other organizations through 5/12/2015)

- Unknown amount collected directly my UULM
- \$4043 – Collected for Goodloe scholarship at Bowie State University (includes 4/25 event)
- \$242 UUMAC summer retreat scholarships
- \$50 plus checks made out to UUSJ
- \$127 Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light

## Operating Income:

| <u><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u>   |
|--|---|
| \$57,375                               | \$54,458 – Pledges & plate offerings                    |
| \$5,850                                | \$4,420 – Kaplan and other building rentals             |
| \$1,500                                | \$600 – Homeschool Umbrella Group Support (HUGS)        |
| \$423                                  | \$375 – Fundraising Events (Coffeehouse, Mystery Night) |
| \$100                                  | \$65 – Rebates (Giant gift cards, Amazon, eScrip)       |

## Total Income for operations:

Budgeted \$66,375 Actual \$60,145

Plus, there was Memorial Fund income totaling \$550 added to our savings account.

## Operating Expenses:

| <u><math>\frac{3}{4}</math> Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u>  |
|--|--|
| \$49,088                               | \$47,233 – Personnel (Minister, Director Religious Education, Choir Director, Accompanist) |
| \$21,150                               | \$20,741 – Facilities (mortgage, condo fees, insurance, utilities, maintenance)            |
| \$2,025                                | \$2,000 – UU Association dues  |
| \$975                                  | \$933 – Joseph Priestly District dues  |
| \$450                                  | \$300 – Worship Honoraria  |
| \$1,388                                | \$336 – Other expenses (RE, Minister's discretionary fund, other small expenses)           |

## Total Expenses for operations:

Budget \$75,076 Actual \$71,543

Observation: Many donate supplies and even maintenance/repairs without submitting a donation slip; this keeps our expenses artificially low.

## Current Account Balances (5/12/2015):

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Operating:  | \$10,856.73  |
| Savings:  | \$29,740.85  |
| Giant Scrip:                                      | \$3,409.19   |
| Building Mutual Fund<br>(per 12/31/14 Statement): | \$16,096.84  |
| Mortgage:   | -\$93,939.81 |

Thank you to Cathy Weber, Treasurer and John Pietras, Collector for their excellent work!

Respectfully submitted by  
Sid Soderholm, Financial Officer

## FY2015-16 Budget

In light of the recent announcement by our minister, the Board will be developing a revised operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

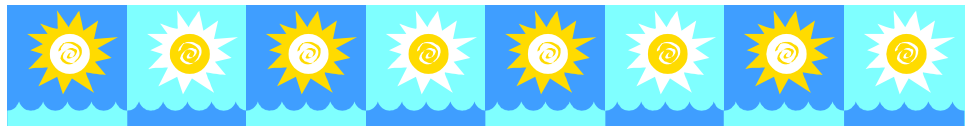


# Upcoming Activities & Events

## Adult RE Schedule

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

- ◆ 21 June - Diversity of Islam
- ◆ 19 July - Jains, Sihks, Bahai
- ◆ 16 Aug - Religion and the Law
- ◆ 20 Sept - Religion Today - Current issues



## Join Area UUs for Capital Pride Parade & Festival

Saturday, June 13 & Sunday, June 14

Outgoing folks are needed to help run the UU booth on Sunday at the Pride Festival. Volunteers are needed to hand out information, answer questions and greet people who visit the booth. Also, active folks (regardless of gender/sexual identity) are wanted for walking in the Pride Parade on Saturday evening. Walkers will gather around 3:30pm and will walk for about 20 blocks until about 7:30pm. Interested volunteers/parade attendees can RSVP by contacting Jenny McAtee at (240) 595-2680 or [jenny\(at\)mcatee.com](mailto:jenny(at)mcatee.com).

## Bowie Springs Meditation Group— Morning of Mindfulness

Saturday, June 20

Location: Goodloe

Registration and Settling in: 8:45a - 9:00a

Morning of Mindfulness: 9:00a - 1:00p

In addition to the sitting and walking meditation practiced during the regular Tuesday meetings, we will share the practices of Outdoor Walking, Resting Meditation, and Eating Meditation. It will be a great way of learning to incorporate different calming mindful practices into our daily life. You can sign up by going to the main page of Bowie Springs Meditation at:

<http://www.meetup.com/meditation-604/>

Things to bring:

1. A mat, blanket, & maybe a pillow for relaxation.
2. A vegetarian dish to share for potluck lunch.
3. A plate, cup and utensils (to minimize waste).

Contributions: Support the use of the space and resources.

Mindfulness releases our inherent capacity of healing and renewal. It is the basis for transforming ourselves and creating a more harmonious family and society.

# Learning More About Goodloe

Here are the officers newly elected at Goodloe's Annual Meeting on May 17:

- President: Ken Shilling will succeed Sally Raymond per the completion of her 2-year term.
- Vice President: Pete Boudriault will continue to serve in this position for a second year.
- Financial Officer: Sid Solderholm has completed his 2-year term, yet he will continue to serve at this time.
- Secretary: Jackie Lord is replacing Debbie Braswell.
- Trustee: Debbie Braswell is resuming the seat that was vacated earlier this year by Yaa.
- Trustee: Dick Wobus has completed his 1-year term but will continue for another year.
- Committee on Ministry, Congregational Representative: Steve Buckingham has completed his 1-year term and, per the bylaws, he will continue in this role until a replacement can be found.
- Nominating Committee: This 3-person committee will be filled by Sally Raymond, Hazel Elbert, and Lorraine Webb.

## Youth Religious Exploration—Summer

This summer we will adapt our children's program. Instead of having classes around a theme, children will have the option to sit with their parents or go to childcare. Whichever choice is made, the child may pick an activity pack designed around the theme of "the interdependent web" - our 7th principle. The pack will include a story, activity pages and a craft.



## Pledge Campaign Results

Compared to FY2014-15:

- 1 new pledge
- 9 pledges increased
- 7 pledges stayed the same
- 6 pledges decreased
- 4 pledging units did not submit a pledge

Total for FY2014-15

26 pledges for \$77,180

Total for FY2015-16

23 pledges for \$61,696

The amount pledged for next year is down substantially, since multiple pledging units reduced their pledges significantly due to changes in their financial situation. Increases in pledges would be welcome. Send additional pledges or an increase in your pledge to [sidsoderholm@yahoo.com](mailto:sidsoderholm@yahoo.com).

# Goodloe Celebration: A Grand Event

Goodloe is capable of some really big things. We can pull together some remarkable events that bring people in, give us notice and reaffirm our validity as a church and as a faith. Our Goodloe Celebration of April 25th was just such an event. Everything about it was uplifting, meaningful and harmonious. From the ministers of color to the stirring performances of the choir, from the delicious banquet style buffet to the epic bouquets of flowers, from the wise words of our minister, from the storied past of Don S.S. Goodloe to the professionalism of the printed program...we did it all. We had a fantastic turn out. To my count there were more visitors than members attending and all quite absorbed in what we presented. We sang "All are Welcome" with hearts beating as one and it became the reality of this grand event.

For this and more I wish to express my own personal joy and gratefulness for this our sixth annual Goodloe Celebration. I, of course, was involved in a number of ways and I am proud of my own part, but am floored

For 30 years, our congregation has strived to celebrate diversity. I was totally WOWed by the Goodloe Celebration. It was very moving to hear four UU ministers speak of their hopes and dreams, overcoming obstacles to their frustrations from being a person of color in a "white" denomination. We listened in horror to stories of youth whose dreams are stultified. We listened to stories about the thousands of lives transformed by having a community that gives them purpose and encouragement. We pondered the life of Donald SS Goodloe, and enjoyed

the skills of Bowie State music students. It was powerfully inspiring to have so many generations from different communities in Goodloe. About 10 years ago, we started the Goodloe Scholarship and it has grown to \$25,000. We heard about the students helped by the scholarship. There are many horrible injustices in the daily news. At Goodloe, we renewed our commitment to make a difference. We stood together as one people who want to transform our faith communities. It was awesome.

Ken Shilling

and impressed with the many of Goodloe who came together and put all the pieces into play so things would work out as they did. And more... I feel humbled that so many people came out to our small congregation to listen, interact and appreciate. The fact that we drew a high number of visitors who are people of color, speaks to the message that we as UU's continuously wish to convey: that ours is a religion where people are treasured and their worth is upheld. It is more than a song, more than our smiles, our greetings, our food, our open doors. It is who we are and can always be. It is only when we arrive at this alignment of our words and our actions that we can truly be who we wish to be and speak to the only truth that has the power of salvation for us, for the community and for the world.

Yours truly,

Sally Raymond

2014-2015 President of  
Goodloe Board of Trustees



**From left to right: Cyn, Rev. Donald E. Robinson, Rev. Archene Turner, and Rev. Dr. Leon Dunkley. Not pictured, Rev. John Crestwell.**

We collected \$2336 for the Goodloe Scholarship for Bowie State University. Way to go!

Dick Morris' legendary presentation on Rev. Don Speed Smith Goodloe is now available as an MP4 video via a link on the [About Us page on the Goodloe website](#). This is the slide presentation that Dick delivered at this year's Goodloe Celebration on 25 April. The link is at the end of the Our Namesake: Don Speed Smith Goodloe section.



# Regional UU Announcements

## UUSJ Immigration Task Force Meeting & "Community Navigator Training" - Help DREAMers!

Saturday, June 6:

10:30 - 12:30 Task Force Meeting,

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 4:00 Community Navigator Training

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of  
Rockville (Founders' Hall)

100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville, MD

Bring your lunch, beverages provided.

RSVP by Thursday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Please attend UUs for Social Justice Immigration Task Group meeting to plan UU actions on immigration issues, stay for lunch and a special training for UUs in our region. CASA de Maryland will provide a comprehensive training

program to give participants a wide array of practical information on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and provide all the tools needed to assist DREAMers who want to apply for relief under DACA. Participants will learn about the essential elements of setting up a DACA clinic and be equipped to help youth navigate the complex federal application process. Participants will come out of the training more knowledgeable about this unique form of immigration relief. Participants will be supplied with DACA screening tools, application instructions and other useful materials. For more information contact: Rev. Cyn Snavelly at [info@uusj.org](mailto:info@uusj.org) or 202-600-9132.

## UU Staff Openings in Rockville

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville, Maryland is seeking candidates for three staff positions serving our vibrant, growing congregation. The Youth Coordinator (15 hours per week) has overall responsibility for managing creative and supportive programs for youth in grades 7-12, including accompanying them on weekend conferences and retreats. The Religious Education Assistant (15 hours per week) provides administrative and operational support for our many religious education programs for children,

youth, and adults, requiring strong capabilities with MS Office Suite, Google, and various social media applications. The Child Care Coordinator (6 hours per week) serves in the nursery on Sunday mornings and coordinates volunteer child care providers on Sundays and for some special evening and weekend events. You may find more information, including position descriptions and application instructions, on our website at:

<http://uucr.org/employment-opportunities>.

*"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world.  
For, indeed, that's all who ever have."*

*Margaret Mead*

# June 2015

| SUN  | MON | TUE                                    | WED | THU | FRI  | SAT   |
|--|-----|--|-----|-----|--|---|
|  | 1   | 2 ☉ Full Moon                          | 3   | 4   | 5<br>7pm Social Justice<br>Film & Discussion | 6   |
| 7<br>10:30 Worship/RE                          | 8   | 9<br>7:15 Bowie Springs<br>Meditation  | 10  | 11  | 12   | 13  |
| 14<br>10:30 Worship/RE<br>11:30 Potluck        | 15  | 16<br>7:30 Goodloe Readers             | 17  | 18  | 19   | 20<br>9am Morning of<br>Mindfulness<br>7:30pm Coffeehouse |
| 21<br>10:30 Worship/RE                         | 22  | 23<br>7:15 Bowie Springs<br>Meditation | 24  | 25  | 26   | 27  |
| 28<br>10:30 Worship/RE<br>12:00 Chinese Buffet | 29  | 30                                     |     |     |  |   |

## Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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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 [llacey33@verizon.net](mailto:llacey33@verizon.net).

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at the check-out line.**

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

**Please email submissions to  
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Nancy Choice 301-805-5345.

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Congregation** is named  
for Don Speed Smith  
Goodloe, first principal of  
Maryland Normal and  
Industrial School, Bowie.



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