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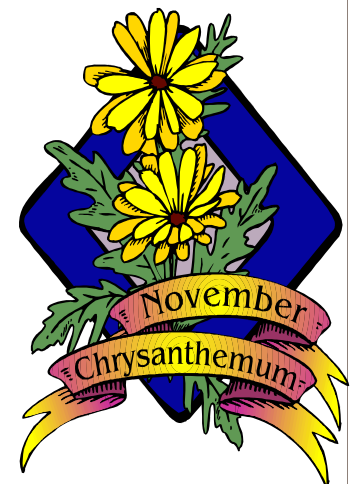
November 2015

## Sunday Services

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ISSUE:**

<p><b>Nov 8</b></p>	<p><i>Multigenerational Bread Communion Service</i> Aléthea Shiplett, DRE</p> <p>Bring bread to share and packaged bread for the food pantry as we celebrate and give thanks. Additional information on page 4.</p> <p><b>Note: Our monthly pot luck is moved to the 4th Sunday. Everyone is invited to the Chinese buffet instead (usually done on the 4th Sunday).</b></p>
<p><b>Nov 15</b></p>	<p><i>Don't Want to Sleep Through the Revolution</i> Karen Scrivo</p> <p>Goodloe member and seminarian Karen Lee Scrivo reflects on her own journey to Black Lives Matter and how she and Unitarian Universalists can remain awake and engaged during this time of social change.</p>
<p><b>Nov 22</b></p>	<p><i>When 1 + 1 = 3</i> Visiting Minister, Rev. Tracy</p> <p>What does it mean to gather in UU church community? Join us for an exploration of what an amazing and miraculous thing happens when we gather together intentionally and with purpose. This sermon will be an introduction to our workshop facilitated by Rev. Leone Tracy, to follow the service and potluck lunch, as we explore our deepest Goodloe values and how to live into those values more fully.</p> <p><b>Following the service, we will have a pot luck lunch, then proceeding to the visioning worship, also led by Rev. Leone Tracy. (Please see Page 3 for workshop information.)</b></p>
<p><b>Nov 29</b></p>	<p><i>Being Thankful for Other People's Religions</i> Dick Wobus</p> <p>What happens when we visit someone else's house of worship, and what happens when someone who has no intent to convert to Unitarian Universalism worships with us?</p>

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# Message from Goodloe's President

We have been through many discussions together, and we have a deeper sense of who we are. You have insisted that we take a bold stance to explore and experiment. Well, that time is now.

We are working with UUA/JPD and Annapolis UU Church on a series of workshops and worships. We are announcing our first worship and first workshop on 22 November. Rev. Christina Tracy from Annapolis will preach "When 1 + 1 = 3." This will be a great opportunity to hear her and to become familiar with her style.

After the worship and a potluck, Rev. Tracy will led us in a Visioning Workshop for four hours; approximately 12:15 to 4:15. We will share deeply from the sacred spaces within each of us. This will be our first step to reinventing our community. Members and friends are encouraged to actively participate in this workshop. This is our practical application of Developmental ministry.

Later, we will have another workshop to examine our needs and our realities. We can recognize our anxieties and then find a hope that carries us forward to living our vision. There will be more details to come in the months ahead. This would be a practical application of Interim ministry.

In turn, I challenge all of us to consider how we would Reinvent Unitarian Universalism. I became a UU because I was inspired by Emerson and Thoreau. A wonderful bunch of UU ministers and lay leaders were Transcendentalists. They wanted to discover truth and beauty in the natural world. They focused on do-it-yourself individualism, which is embedded in our UU principles/cultures. They met in spiritual communities, but did not write about community as a spiritual practice. They preferred to write poetry and did not write about religion. We have a heritage in which we can believe anything we want but can't say what we do believe. We will do our part to redefine our heritage.

Within Goodloe I am hoping that we can have a series of worship on the theme of Community. We are a non-credal faith — what does that mean? How do I share my beliefs with someone who comes from a different

faith tradition? How do I know what to believe? How do I live my life in accordance with my beliefs.

Similarly, we are a relational faith. We do not hold one book as the final authority for all questions; we read many books of wisdom and compassion (like the Transcendentalists did). We do not hold one person as the final authority; we freely gather in community to share our beliefs and insights with each other. If there is a difference of opinion, or a misunderstanding, how do we come back into right relations with each other?

As we really focus on community, we will get a deeper sense of our faith. We will develop a deeper commitment to community as a spiritual practice.

Yours in faith, Blessed Be  
Ken Shilling - Goodloe  
Memorial UU President



## Committee on Ministry Volunteers Needed

The Committee on Ministry answers questions and tries to resolve issues that may arise between staff, board members and members of the congregation. It also evaluates staff members near the end of their current year which usually spans September through June. The Committee has representatives from four areas: Board, Religious Exploration, Choir, and Congregation. Terms are for one year. Goodloe is still looking for Choir and Congregational Representatives. Please consider volunteering for these important positions. Contact Ken Shilling, Goodloe President with questions or to volunteer: [president@goodloeuu.org](mailto:president@goodloeuu.org)

# Goodloe Workshops

## Visioning Workshop: Core Values Sunday, Nov. 22, 12:15 pm (following Goodloe pot luck)

Rev. Christina Leone Tracy from Annapolis UU Church will lead some small group sharing about what we love most about Goodloe. We will explore when the community has done well in doing that "best stuff". Rev. Leone Tracy will draw upon themes from her sermon to start conversations about our UU principles. She will encourage us to explore how our principles and "what we love about Goodloe" relate to our core values.

### Future Next Steps: Building Upon Core Values

Understanding our core values is just a start. Over the course of the next year, we will take other steps. For example, we will need to explore how things we do feed and serve those core values, and how some things we do might be taking away from those core values. Later, we would envision next steps for living into a bolder vision to serve those core values.



## Worship Workshops

If you have signed up to lead a worship service or are considering doing so, this is for you.

Worship Workshops are being offered every second Monday evening to help our volunteer worship leaders with the following:

- Goals and guidelines for preparing a service.
- Discuss options for incorporating music into your service.
- Tips for designing PowerPoint slides for a service.

Workshops are open to all who are interested, even if you are not yet signed up to lead a service.

Anyone who is signed up to lead a service should plan to participate in at least one workshop.

You must RSVP — The workshop facilitators provide the dates, but they need to know if anyone intends to come on that night. If you want/need to attend a workshop but cannot make any of the available upcoming dates, let them know so that they can arrange a date & time with you.

The next worship workshop is on Monday, Nov. 9, 7pm. Please send an email to [worship@goodloeuu.org](mailto:worship@goodloeuu.org) for more information and to RSVP.

# From Our Director of Religious Exploration

This year, Goodloe's Bread Communion service will focus on our UU faith as relational, rather than based on an agreed statement of belief. In other words, what is unique about Unitarian Universalism is that we make promises and covenants about how to be in relationship with one another, rather than making agreements on what we believe. Ours is a "theology of relationship." Ours is a religion not based on belief and identity, but on how we agree to treat one another — supporting each other on our individual spiritual journeys, treating one another with respect and honoring each person's dignity. Our seven principles inform how we will speak to one another, how we will treat one another, how we will be in relationship with one another — regardless of individual beliefs.

Please join us to celebrate community and support of each other on our spiritual

journeys as we share bread in communion with one another. As our covenant of communities in the Unitarian Universalist Association affirms: "Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support."

The Bread Communion service on November 8th will uphold this "mutual trust and support", and celebrate our relational covenant in an inter-generational service. There will be child care for children under age 5. Children, ages 6 and over, will be invited to participate in the service. You are invited to bring a loaf of bread to share and a loaf to be delivered to those who have visited Goodloe in the calendar year 2015.

December's service will celebrate the importance of light as a symbol across culture, history and religious symbolism. Again, if you would like to participate in this meaningful and affirming exploration during the holiday season, please see Aléthea.

Our Director of Religious Exploration will be conducting a multi-age class for children ages 5-10 on the 4th Sundays of each month in the Fall. This Fall the theme is a continuation of the curriculum "URUU" — exploring UU identity. On the first and third Sundays this fall, children are invited to explore the different themes in the comic book section in the RE room. Children may take comic book activities into worship and sit with their families or they may remain in the childcare area during worship. Children, ages 11 and up are expected to sit with their families during worship.

OWL classes are underway twice a month at Paint Branch UU for 4th-6th graders, led by Aléthea Shiplett and Sid Soderholm.

## Goodloe Coffeehouse

Saturday, Nov 21, 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@goodloeeuu.org](mailto:coffeehouse@goodloeeuu.org)

## 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.

# Standing for Justice—Black Lives Matter

Once upon a time, Cyn worked for UUSJ and Steve worked for UULM-MD. Now, we need to find new ways to stay active on justice issues. As a recent visitor said, I want to attend a place that champions justice.

At the 2015 UUA General Assembly, youth and young adults urged the passage of Immediate Witness in support of Black Lives Matter. For over 30 years, I have been year attuned to youth and young adults, so naturally I want to support what is important to them.

I have taken time to actually read the UUA Immediate Witness statement; I need to share it with you. I have read the principles of the Black Lives Matter and the consonance with UU principles. More importantly, I have gone beyond the 'all lives matter' response. It is hard for me to get out of my own white privilege and to empathize with UU's of color regarding their concerns. It is the right thing to do.

There is a culture of oppression — murders in black churches, burning of black churches, unexplained deaths of people who did not commit crimes, prisons for profit, denial of people's right to vote. The long standing oppression (once slavery, then Jim Crow, now the New Jim Crow) has not gone away. The actions of racist, white supremacists are denial of rights and denigration of dignity for persons of color — marginalized lives do not matter to oppressors. Oppression is institutionalized in many ways, and it is an injustice that we must oppose.

I must get out of my own comfort zone. I can no longer dismiss stories of wanton police brutality where a innocent victim is murdered, and the police officer is not held accountable. I asked myself — would I want that action to happen to my son or daughter? No. I attend trainings to be more informed; I participate in vigils. I talk with other UU's who express their fears.

Standing for justice — standing as an ally for someone in need — can be uncomfortable. I find a new comfort in doing what is right. I find a new comfort in being an ally with people who are told in so many ways — that your lives do not matter. As an ally, I ask what can I do to help.

I fully understand that we have rarely discussed Issues that are debated at the UUA General Assembly. Now, we will find ways to be informed on vital issues of

justice. We will find ways to discuss and decide how we can support those seeking justice. I am open to suggestion on how we do this as a congregation.

I am also a member of UULM-MD and UUSJ. I will try to find ways to notify you of important legislation or events. There are many levels and ways to participate in championing justice. You choose your issues and your level of participation.

You asked me to be bold. You stated that we must experiment — get out of our comfort zone. Okay, where do you stand? Will you stand on the sidelines? or will you champion justice? Can we be a community that champions justice for all?

My initial response was also -all lives matter. As I learned about the principles and the issues, I developed a better understanding. I value the respect and dignity of every person. I stand against hatred and harm. I stand as a white ally to Black Lives Matter in witness to my beliefs that all people are deserving respect and dignity. Racists do not act with respect. I stand as a white ally in opposition to those who disrespect the worth and dignity of people, and seek to do them harm.

What are you willing to do when others in society violate one of our faith principles? Will you help build our community into one that champions justice?

Ken Shilling  
personal statement



Following the worship on 15 November, we will have an information discussion on Black Lives Matter. We will read the UUA Action of Immediate Witness, the principles of the BLM as they relate to UU principles. Also, we will begin a discussion whether to support a movement to add a new "8th Principle" to our UUA principles.

# Financial Report, 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016

# Board Meeting Minutes

Summary report of income and expenses for July 1 – Sept 30, 2015  
Compared to the budgeted amount (rounded to the nearest \$1).

## Operating Income:

Qtr. Budget	Actual
\$14,858	\$17,790 – Pledges and plate offerings
\$1800	\$1060 – Kaplan and other building rentals
\$250	\$750 – Homeschool Umbrella Group Support (HUGS)
\$425	\$61 – Fundraising Events (Coffee House, Mystery Night)
\$88	\$36 – Rebates (Giant Gift Cards, Amazon, eScrip)
\$0	\$5980 – Matching challenge

Total Income for operations: Budgeted \$17,421 Actual \$25,677

## Operating Expenses:

Qtr. Budget	Actual
\$14,720	\$14,364 – Personnel (Minister, Director Religious Education, Choir Director, Accompanist)
\$6963	\$6726 – Facilities (mortgage, condo fees, insurance, utilities, maintenance)
\$675	\$630 – UU Association dues
\$350	\$325 – Joseph Priestly District dues
\$250	\$150 – Worship Honoraria
\$461	\$439 – Other expenses (Religious Exploration, Minister's discretionary fund, other small expenses)

Total Expenses for operations: Budget \$23,419 Actual \$22,633

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

## Account Balances

(According to each institution on 9/30/2015, except as noted)

Operating checking account – \$7,897  
Savings/checking account – \$25,737  
Giant Scrip checking account – \$4,454  
PayPal account – \$0  
Building Mutual Fund – \$16,097 (as of 12/31/2014)  
Mortgage – \$90,362

Respectfully submitted by Sid Soderholm, Financial Officer

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

**Date:** October 13, 2015

## Attendance:

Board Members: Ken Shilling, Jackie Lord, Pete Boudriault, Sid Soderholm, Debra Braswell.

Sid began the meeting with a spiritual reading by Annie Foerster, "Come we now out of the darkness"

Sid reviewed the current budget status. Pledge funds were doing well at the end of the quarter. Visioning workshops and UUCA sermons will be funded using the challenge grant.

Worship scheduling and RE were discussed.

Committee on Ministry currently has two members Pete Boudriault (Board Rep) and Sid Soderholm (RE Rep). Two positions are still open: Choir Rep and Congregation Rep. Committee responsibilities were discussed and schedules for tasks were defined. Nominating Committee members are Sally Raymond, Hazel Elbert, and Debra Braswell.

Second collections for the year were discussed and a decision was made to limit the collections to those directly related to Goodloe interests.

Tasks and responsibilities related to building facilities were reviewed and discussed.

## Monthly Fundraiser

In September, Goodloe earned \$140 through Giant Scrip Sales. Thank you for supporting Goodloe!

# Regional UU Events

## Awakening the Dreamer Symposium

Sunday, Nov 8, 2:00-6:00pm  
UU Church of Arlington  
4444 Arlington Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22204

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) invites you to Awakening the Dreamer Symposium, co-sponsored by UUSJ. Visit [www.uusj.org](http://www.uusj.org) to register. A goodwill offering will be taken.

Where on Earth are we going? And what can we do about it? Whether you feel you know a lot or a little about environmental sustainability, social justice, or spiritual fulfillment, we promise this symposium will have you looking at what you know and how you live in a new and inspiring light.

Questions? Contact Mary Pike at [marylpva\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:marylpva(at)gmail.com) or 202-746-4494.

## Beyond Partisan Division: UUSJ's November 14 Program

Saturday, Nov 14, 12:00-4:30pm  
Channing Memorial Church  
3220 Corporate Court, Suite C  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) invites you to Beyond Partisan Division

Tickets are \$10; \$12 after November 11 (includes vegetarian lunch and materials);

Sponsored by UUSJ.  
Visit [www.uusj.org](http://www.uusj.org) to register.

This program will help us to compassionately witness a seldom-challenged political bias that often exists in our congregations and association.

Questions? Contact [info@uusj.org](mailto:info@uusj.org) or 202-600-9132.

## Goodloe Readers Tuesday, Nov 17, 7:30pm

*Contagious: Why Things Catch On* by Jonah Berger. This book is available from the library in print, audio, & electronic format. All are welcome to come. Please join us to discuss this month's reading. Also, please come with ideas for new books to read.



*"It's impossible!" said Pride.  
"It's risky," said Experience.  
"It's pointless!" said Reason.  
"Give it a try," whispered the heart.*

*Author Unknown*

# November 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:30 Worship/RE	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:30 Multigen Bread Service 12:00 Chinese Buffet	9 7pm Worship Workshop (RSVP)	10 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	11	12	13	14
15 10:30 Worship/RE	16	17 7:30 Goodloe Readers	18	19	20	21 7:30 Coffeehouse
22 10:30 Worship/RE 11:45 Pot Luck 12:15 Visioning Workshop	23	24 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	25	26	27	28
29 10:30 Worship/RE	30					



## Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Ministry: Congregational Lay Leadership

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### Deadline for Next Odyssey: November 22, 2015

Please email submissions to  
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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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