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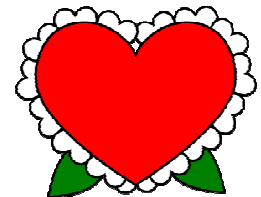
February 2016

Sunday Services

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ISSUE:**

Feb 7	<i>Absolute Truth</i> What is the core belief that provides a foundation for the way we lead our life? Members of the congregation are asked to share their "Absolute Truth" which is the basis for their life.	Dick Wobus
Feb 14	<i>The Most Abused Word in the English Language</i> (Intergenerational) Exploring how the word LOVE is used and abused in our culture and suggesting new words that are more intentional. This is an inter-generational service. We will also provide an opportunity to make "intentional" Valentine cards.	Aléthea Shiplett
Feb 21	<i>The Purpose Behind the Rituals We Practice</i> Exploring intentional ritual and unpacking how to make our Goodloe rituals more meaningful.	Aléthea Shiplett
Feb 28	<i>Fire of Commitment</i> We value being together in spiritual community. We say that we want to set bold new directions for our congregation. Whatever we choose to do, will require the fire of commitment. Following the service, we will have a meeting for our pledge drive kickoff.	Sid Soderholm (with Karen Scrivo & Ken Shilling)

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*"When you least expect it, something great will come along.
Something better than you ever planned for.
Be patient. Be smart. Stay focused. "*

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Reflections & Rejuvenation: A Message from Goodloe's President

We agreed to boldly experiment as we endeavor to rejuvenate our congregation. First, I want to reflect on our first seven months. Then, I will outline the next several months.

Our worship associates, DRE, and Choir Director are keeping us inspired.

Our Worship Associates have maintained a full worship schedule. Our current worship schedule is full through March. We are also grateful for Rev. Christina Leone Tracy from UU Annapolis Church in providing inspiring sermons that connect to thought provoking workshops. With her guidance, we have developed a set of core values and are learning how to make value based decisions.

Our Director of Religious Exploration has led us through many different conversations. She engaged us in exploring multicultural literacy - how to be

mindful when we go beyond our own experience.

Our Choir Director and choir gifted us with a wonderful Choral Holiday service. She has also introduced a new section leader for our choir.

The board is providing you with this series of meetings to keep you informed and involved.

On 28 February, we will have Pledge Sunday. The board will present budget goals and discuss the prospects for including a minister. Our financial health is good.

On 20 March, we will hold a brief informational meeting. We will discuss our membership, our volunteers, and our board.

In April, we hope to have Rev Christina provide us with another sermon-workshop to further our discussions on core values. We also intend to provide a worship on Beyond the Political Divide - how

to respect the political spectrum in our congregation.

On 15 May, we will hold an annual meeting. The board will present a new budget based on pledges for the new year. We will hold annual election of officers. And, we will vote on major issues - possibly hiring a new minister.

Each month, we will have a Going Deeper session that focuses on our core values. We want to ensure everyone understands the core values. We want to ensure that we can readily say what the values mean to us.

We encourage you to attend this series of meetings and discussions. We need your insights and commitment.

Ken Shilling,
Goodloe Memorial
UU President

Goodloe Explorations

We have had ongoing discussions on our Great Loves and our hopes for our future. We have outlined a series of future dates for discussion of practical realities (numbers), imaginative possibilities, and shaping a way forward.

February 28: We will propose a recommended budget to start our pledge campaign. We will discuss some membership numbers. We

will reflect on reality and start to imagine how to shape our future to achieve our Great Loves.

April (exact date TBD): Shaping "Worth Ship" with Great Loves — Sunday morning services, often called "worship" are actually a celebration of those things we hold of highest worth, so you might call it "worth-ship!" Knowing what we hold as our Great Loves, what do

we want to do in celebration of those things, on Sundays or other days? Join Rev. Christina for another workshop as we craft the "container" that will hold our great loves— How we will do what we do in our community moving forward.

May 15: Annual Goodloe Meeting elections & budget

Goodloe Helps

Warm Nights Dinner for People Who Are Homeless



Greeter Needed

The Membership Committee is looking for someone to be a Greeter on the 4th Sunday of each month. A Greeter greets people as they come to the service, keeps attendance records for that Sunday, and delivers bread to new visitors. This is a good way to get to know Goodloe members and friends and there is not much of a time commitment. If you are interested email Nancy Choice at choicepietras@gmail.com.

Date: Friday, March 18, 2016

Goodloe will serve dinner to guests who are homeless at Village Baptist Church as part of the Prince Georges' 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.

Volunteers are needed for each of the following:

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



Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

Attendance—Board Members:

Ken Shilling, Jackie Lord, Pete Boudriault, Sid Soderholm, Dick Wobus, Debra Braswell

Guest: Aléthea Shiplett

Jackie began the meeting with a spiritual reading by Stephanie Pausell from Harvard Divinity School about change.

After discussion, it was determined that the Nominating Committee will recruit nominees for the following Board positions: Financial Officer, Vice President, Trustee

The worship schedule is completed through the end of March. Pledge Sunday is February 28 and includes a worship service followed by a meeting. Future topics for services were discussed. Sid presented information on Soul Matters Sharing Circle which is a UU group of congregations that share materials related to monthly worship themes and small group discussions.

Adult RE: A visit to a Muslim prayer center, scheduled for Jan 30, was discussed. The topic of

“Goodloe Core Values” was selected for Going Deeper in Jan as preparation for Rev. Christina’s workshop at the end of the month.

A general schedule of major activities, including workshops and meetings was discussed. The annual meeting was scheduled for Sunday May 15 after the Flower Communion service. Discussion of the Goodloe Celebration was postponed until fall. This decision will allow the congregation to focus on the path forward for Goodloe.

Goodloe Activities

Goodloe Learning Programs (Adult Religious Exploration)

World Religions - Ken Shilling

- 7 February: Religion and the Law
- 6 March: Religion Today in America
- 3 April: Topic TBD
- 1 May: Topic TBD

Going Deeper Conversations - Alethea Shiplett

- 14 February
- 13 March
- 10 April
- 22 May

Worship Workshops

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.

If you want/need to attend a workshop, please contact our worship coordinator (worship@goodloeuu.org) or Religious Exploration Director, Aléthea Shiplett, to arrange a date & time to meet.

Goodloe Readers

Tuesday, Feb 16, 2016, 7:30 pm
Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain

This book is available from the library in print, audio, & electronic format.. All are welcome to come join in the discussion.

Some possible upcoming titles include the following:

- ◆ Any author, any biography about Ghandi.
- ◆ *Neurotribes: The Legacy of Autism & the Future of Neurodiversity* by Steve Silberman
- ◆ *The Monuments Men* by Robert M. Edsel

Goodloe Coffeehouse

Saturday, Feb 20, 7:30pm

Share your talents or just relax and enjoy. Performers, please arrive 15 minutes before the show to sign up for a slot. \$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

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.

Financial Report

2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Respectfully submitted by Sid Soderholm, Financial Officer. Summary report of income and expenses compared to the budgeted amount (rounded to the nearest \$1) for July 1 – Dec 31, 2015.

Operating Income:

½ Yr Budget	Actual
\$29,715	\$36,451 – Pledges and plate offerings
\$3600	\$2398 – Kaplan and other building rentals
\$500	\$1050 – Homeschool Umbrella Group Support (HUGS)
\$250	\$249 – Fundraising Events (Coffee House)
\$775	\$834 – Rebates (Giant Gift Cards, Amazon, eScrip)
\$0	\$5980 – Matching challenge
\$0	\$246 – Other (insurance premium rebate)

Total Income for operations: Budgeted \$34,840 Actual \$47,207

Operating Expenses:

½ Yr Budget	Actual
\$20,330	\$20,070 – Personnel (Minister, Director Religious Education, Choir Director, Accompanist)
\$13,380	\$14,272 – Facilities (mortgage, condo fees, insurance, utilities, maintenance)
\$1260	\$1260 – UU Association dues
\$609	\$585 – Joseph Priestly District dues
\$500	\$300 – Worship Honoraria
\$923	\$1151 – Other expenses (Religious Exploration, Minister's discretionary fund, consultant—Christina, other small expenses)

Total Expenses for operations: Budget \$37,001 Actual \$37,636

Account Balances, according to each institution on 12/31/2015, except as noted:

- Operating checking account – \$14,645
- Savings/checking account – \$25,740
- Giant Scrip checking account – \$3,512
- PayPal account – \$0
- Building Mutual Fund – \$16,097
(as of 12/31/2014)
- Mortgage – \$88,170

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

Monthly Fundraisers

In December, Goodloe earned \$138 through Giant Scrip Sales and \$31 through our Amazon fundraiser. Thank you for remembering to support Goodloe when you do your grocery and online shopping.

Goodloe and Regional UU

New at Goodloe— Music Suggestion Box

We Welcome your Input!

Please provide your music suggestions:
Suggest songs or music for a specific service or
for use as the music director chooses.

Songs or music may be any genre, vocal or
instrumental.

Location of Music Suggestion Box:

The Music Suggestion Box is a white floral
decorated box placed on the food table in the
coffee area.

Paper and writing utensils for your suggestions
are located next to the box

2016 Joseph Priestley District Assembly

*Congregations in Covenant: Living the
Interdependent Web*

Save the Date!

April 8-9, 2016

Wyndham Garden York

2000 Loucks Road, York, PA 17408

Featuring Keynote Speaker,
UUA Moderator, Jim Key

Hands Up Film Screening

Date: Saturday, February 6, 7-9 pm

Where: UU Church of Silver Spring
10309 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Hands Up, the documentary, captures the spirit of
the Black Lives Matter movement as it transcends state
boundaries and touches the hearts of millions of
Americans. The film documents the stories of clergy
and activists who are igniting a passion for justice and
peace. Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss the
film with the director, Zinhle Essamuah after the
screening. For more info and to RSVP:

<https://uucss.givezooks.com/events/hands-up-documentary-screening>

UU Legislative Ministry - Maryland 2016 Annual Meeting

Saturday, February 6, 8:30am-1:30pm
UU Church of Annapolis, MD

Join UU activists from across the state to discuss
issues of interest to Maryland UUs, how they are
interrelated and plan for the 2016 Session of the
Maryland General Assembly. Participate in advocacy
training and develop the spiritual aspects of your
advocacy. Keynote Speaker: Paula Cole Jones, Faith
Speaks: Justice Now for All!

**MP3 audio files of Sunday services are
available** on the Goodloe website via
the [Sermon Archive page](#). Services are
generally posted within a week or two
after each service.



More Regional UU Events

Building Authentic Diversity: A Capital Cluster/Central East Region Leadership Conference

When: Saturday, March 5th, 2016 from 9 am – 4 pm
 Where: Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Bethesda, MD
 Cost: \$40/person includes lunch and materials

Is your congregation diving into racial justice or multicultural work, but struggling with how to make connections across differences? Is your congregation interested in being more authentically open to new cultures and backgrounds?

Each of us has culture--conscious and unconscious ways of being in the world. To become a truly multicultural faith, we need leaders who can build relationships effectively across difference - including ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, gender, and more. This Building Authentic Diversity workshop will provide both an analytic framework and concrete skills for intercultural communication. The workshop is based on a program first offered to all UU ministers and strongly recommended by both the UU Minister's Association and the Unitarian Universalist Association. Participation is open to everyone regardless of previous experience with this kind of work.

ABOUT THE LEADER: Rev. Rob Keithan is a faith organizing and training consultant specializing in reproductive health, rights and justice issues as well as congregational social justice programs. He is a certified facilitator in the UU Minister's Association Intercultural Communication Training Program and now brings the material to religious educators and congregational leaders.

<https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/building-authentic-diversity/>

JPD Jubilee Anti-Racism Training

When: March 4-6, 2016
 Where: First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

The training runs Friday, March 4th (6pm to 10pm); Saturday, March 5th (8:30am to 9pm); Sunday, March 6th (8:30am to 5pm). Cost: \$150 per participant (includes cost for trainers, meals and materials). Scholarships are available. Contributions in support of this work are welcome.

This 2 1/2 day workshop is open to members of any congregation in the Joseph Priestley District. Church leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants, so sign up today!

Goals:

- To develop a shared analysis of racism and its individual, institutional, and cultural manifestations.
- To begin to apply this common understanding to the history, culture, and institutional structure of our congregation, and to envision next steps.
- The training includes presentations, discussions, videos, exercises, small group work, worship services, and shared meals.

Register online:

<https://uua.wufoo.com/forms/r19tlowt0nx9qsd/>



February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30 Worship/RE	8 7pm Board Meeting	9 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day ♥ 10:30 Multigen Worship 11:45 Potluck	15	16 7:30 Goodloe Readers	17	18	19	20 7:30 Coffeehouse
21 10:30 Multigen Worship	22	23 7:15 Bowie Springs Meditation	24	25	26	27
28 10:30 Worship/RE 12:00 Chinese Buffet	29					

Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

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Deadline for Next Odyssey: February 22, 2016

Please email submissions to
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
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation** is named
for Don Speed Smith
Goodloe, first principal of
Maryland Normal and
Industrial School, Bowie.



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