



# Odyssey

April 2016

## Sunday Services

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ISSUE:**

<b>Apr 10</b>	<i>Earth Day and Darwin</i> (Multigenerational) Aléthea Shiplett Exploring the impact of the discoveries of Charles Darwin on how we view our place in the community of life. No potluck this week, but all are welcome to proceed to Chinese buffet after the service.
<b>Apr 17</b>	<i>UU Expressions</i> Aléthea Shiplett Exploring Worship and Community in the 21st Century.
<b>Apr 24</b>	<i>Shaping Our Future with our Great Loves</i> Rev. Christina Leone Tracy, UU Church of Annapolis "I'm not lost, I'm exploring!" As we figure out who we might become in the future as a faith community, let's explore together, with openness and determination! We're not lost, we just don't know exactly where we are going, but we'll get there together. Potluck to follow; please bring a dish to share if you wish. We will continue pursuing this theme in a workshop following the service. (See page 3 in this issue.)
<b>May 1</b>	<i>What Would Jesus Say</i> Dick Wobus We will explore the teachings of Jesus, looking past the images and the language with which he taught the people of 2000 years ago to understand what his teachings mean for us and for today's world.
<b>May 8</b>	<i>Beltane, Honoring the Divine Mother</i> (Multigenerational) The Peerman Family Perhaps it is just a coincidence that our American Mother's Day falls so close to the Pagan rite of Beltane. Beltane celebrates the divine union of goddess & god and the renewed fertility of the earth at this time of year. Beltane also ushers in one of our most powerful images of the Divine, that of the Great Mother. The Great/Divine Mother brings forth new life, provides nourishment, & comforts those in need. Join us as we celebrate Beltane with special emphasis on the Divine aspect of Mother, honor our mothers & those who have fulfilled mothering roles in our lives, and recognize when we (men too!) have done this for others.

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# A Message from Goodloe's President

The Goodloe Board has scheduled our third visioning session with Rev. Christina for Sunday 24 April. We will review some of the realistic choices that we could make. Rev. Christina will guide us in using our Great Loves to help us make some decisions for the upcoming next year.

As a final reminder, we ask that you submit your pledge to Goodloe. The Goodloe Board will use the March pledge information to establish a budget for next year. We want to ensure that we have all the pledges prior to going into our April board meeting on 11 April.

The board is discussing a plan to implement a new worship format in the July and August timeframe. There maybe one traditional worship service, one intergenerational service. We are contemplating that we create a service around Adult RE world religion ( it is a source of our faith). So we would have 1 hour of discussion and 30 minutes of rituals (chalice lighting, joys and concerns, hymn singing, offertory). We are also contemplating that we might create a worship around Going Deeper. We will provide more details in April.

In March, we discussed the proposed language for an 8th

principle. In general, people are favorable to some language against racism and other oppressions. We had extensive discussions about what is a principle, what is a goal, what is an action of immediate witness. We hope to do additional research on this item. I do honor all the sentiments expressed at our session; I also honor the sentiments of those who were not present to express their concerns. We normally do not discuss issues before the UU General Assembly, so this was a new and lively experience for all of us.

On May 15th, we will have our annual meeting. We will elect officers, present our budget, and review realistic choices for Goodloe 2016-17 church year.

I know that I am pushing hard. A number of people have asked me to do something or say something in different ways; and I have done my best to make adjustments in my style. I love discussions and debates, and I do not take offense at reasonable and responsible statements of concern. Your statements to me show your concern for our community. If it is helpful, I have met with people to discuss what I have said or done so I can better understand how I was perceived, and to clarify my

intent.

As part of my ongoing leadership training, I attend a quarterly Racial Justice summit. One practice is to gather in identity caucuses. Sometimes, it is helpful for people gather separately to discuss issues of common concern without having to explain yourself. I am willing to meet with any one or any group of people who want to talk. Similarly, if there is an issue that we need to address in this community, please consider bringing the issue to Going Deeper session. I am feeling fine and am loving the lively discussions. I want to make sure that all voices in our community have a chance to be heard and feel respected. Again, let me know how we can help.

Ken Shilling,  
Goodloe Memorial  
UU President

**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.

# Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

**Attendance—Board Members:** Ken Shilling, Jackie Lord, Pete Boudriault, Sid Soderholm, Dick Wobus

**Guests:** Aléthea Shiplett, Megan Foley

Megan shared a spiritual reading by Rebecca Parker (Starr King/All Souls) about ways to use our gifts.

Ken attended a UUA multisite partnership meeting recently. The topics discussed included themed worship and small group ministry. Paint Branch and Davies Memorial, who had representatives at the meeting, are both in the process of ministerial search. A meeting will be scheduled with these congregations to discuss possible collaboration and goals.

Several worship and path options were discussed. A decision was made to explore themed and small group ministry.

The Board agreed to invest in “Soul Matters”, a UU program that incorporates these concepts and provides ideas and resources to implement them. After Worship Associates and Board choose a monthly theme, volunteer leaders select or create worship and activities that relate to the theme.



## Shaping Our Future with our Great Loves Worship and Workshop Sunday April 24, 2016

10:30 am Worship Service led by Rev. Christina Leone Tracy from UUCA

Title: "Shaping Our Future with our Great Loves"

Special Potluck after worship service & leading into the workshop. Please bring a dish to share.

Workshop 12:15 to 4:15

As a spiritual community, we devote our Time and Talent, and invest our Treasure and Temple to serving our Great Loves. We will take a realistic look at some options. We will use our Great Loves to help select what is taken on the ship and what is left behind.

Childcare will be available.

*“We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts, we make the world.”*

*Buddha*

# Goodloe Activities

## 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](mailto:worship@goodloeuu.org)) or Religious Exploration Director, Aléthea Shiplett, to arrange a date & time to meet.

## Monthly Fundraiser

In February, Goodloe earned \$152.50 through Giant Scrip Sales. Thank you for supporting Goodloe.

## 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.

## Goodloe Coffeehouse

Saturday, April 16, 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](mailto:coffeehouse@goodloeuu.org)

## Goodloe Bell Choir

New members are welcome to join the Sunday Services Bell Choir. Rehearsals start at 6:30 pm at Goodloe. Performances are the third Sunday Service of the month.

- ◆ Next performance: April 17.
- ◆ Upcoming Rehearsals: May 5 & 12.  
Performance: May 15.

## Goodloe Music Suggestion Box

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.

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.

We welcome your input!

# More Goodloe Activities

## Goodloe Learning Programs (Adult Religious Exploration)

**April 10: Going Deeper.** Take advantage of this great opportunity to share personal opinions or concerns. As we chart a new direction for Goodloe, we can talk about different ideas. Some ideas are different aspects of same issue, and we learn to say "Yes, and..." to what other's are saying. We focus on listening to what one another has to say.

**Cultural Literacy in Religion** is approaching its final meeting. We are concluding with a lively discussion of trends in US Culture. Such trends include

exclusivism, inclusionism, pluralism, and violence. Lively discussion that was begun on April 3 will resume and conclude on May 1.

We anticipate that the format for worship will change in July and August. For example, there is a chance that Adult RE will periodically be incorporated into worship services. We would add some opening and closing rituals, and some songs. This experiment would also reduce our Sunday time commitment to approximately 1.5 hours.

There are several different paths that we can take for future adult RE. We can do comparative religion, world scriptures, or ancient religions, for example. We could also cover world mythology and discuss gods, goddesses, pantheons, hero myths, creation myths from around the world. Another possibility would be to pursue some curriculum from UUA. We will discuss this in the next couple of months. Please join the discussion and share what you would like to explore.

## Goodloe 2016-2017 Pledge Campaign

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: Commitment of our time, talent and resources.

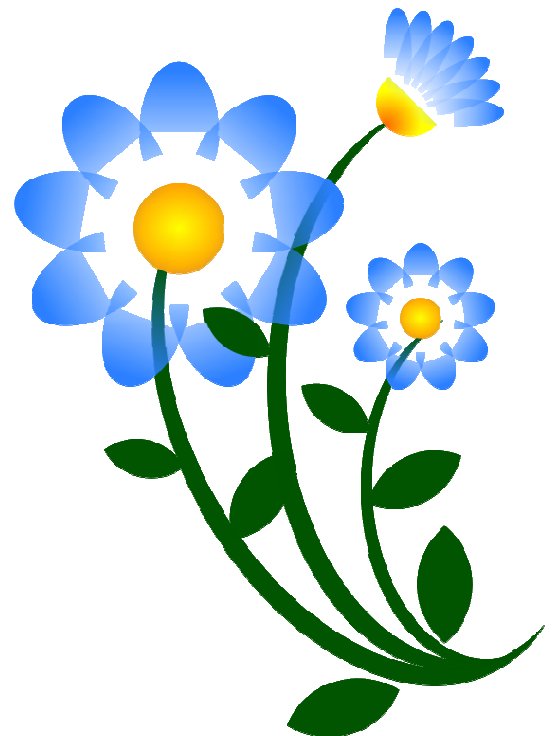
Please make a commitment to Goodloe with your pledge:

Fill out the form on page 7 of this newsletter or get a fresh copy from the

Goodloe in the Coffee Area. Mail it in or place in the marked box in the lobby at Goodloe.

Alternatively, you can provide the same information through email to Goodloe's Finance Officer, Sid Soderholm: [finance@goodloeuu.org](mailto:finance@goodloeuu.org).

The deadline of March 31 as already passed, so if you have not yet submitted a pledge, please do so as soon as possible.



# Regional UU and Social Justice

## Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community (UUMAC) 2016

When: July 10-16

Where: DeSales University,  
Center Valley PA  
(Near Allentown PA)

Are you looking for a summer vacation option that will be fun, rejuvenating, multi-generational, and affordable? The Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community (UUMAC) '16 will be held July 10-16 near Allentown, PA. It is many things—a spiritual retreat, a family summer camp, an institute for learning and exploration, a

weeklong party and reunion of kindred souls. We play games and instruments, sing, listen, discuss, learn, worship, visit, laugh, work, eat, (and sometimes sleep), dance and nosh at Night Owls, and paint faces and toenails at the Carnival. UUMAC is intentionally a multi-generational community, and programming is a balance of activity according to age grouping and across age barriers. Children, teens and adults each have programming geared to their interests. As well, ages

mingle for off-campus trips, and evening activities.

This year's UUMAC will focus on Radical Hospitality and Radical Justice. Rev. Libby Smith, an adjunct staffer at the Joseph Priestly District, and Rev. Dr. Tracy Sprowls of our served Plainfield UU church will be our Minister of the Week and Theme speaker.

For more information, please go to [www.uumac.org](http://www.uumac.org) and/or speak with Ken Shilling.

## Democracy Awakening

Protect Voting Rights & Our Democracy!

Saturday, April 16 - Monday, April 18

Rally for Democracy: Sunday, April 17, 1:00-3:00pm

Congress of Conscience Day of Action & Advocacy:  
Monday, April 18

UUSJ and UUA are sponsoring organizations.

The corrupting influence of money in politics coupled with the attacks on voting rights threaten the very integrity of our nation as a true democracy. Join thousands of people coming to DC for teach-ins, protest, vigils, and advocacy. More than 200 organizations representing a diverse array of movements and thousands of people are coming together to demand a democracy that works for all of us.

For current information and to learn more about UU-specific involvement, including where to meet for the march/rally/interfaith vigil on Sunday, April 17, visit [uusj.org](http://uusj.org). Sign up at [democracyawakening.org/uu/](http://democracyawakening.org/uu/). If you are able to provide home hospitality to participants in these events, please contact Elizabeth at [info@uusj.org](mailto:info@uusj.org) or 202-600-9132.

## Justice-Seeking Executive Director Needed

The Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice in the National Capital Region, a Washington, DC based nonprofit organization, is seeking an Executive Director to deepen and expand its national advocacy-focused mission. We are seeking an experienced nonprofit professional, skilled in fundraising, and with experience in both grassroots and legislative advocacy. The successful candidate will have outstanding communications skills, be knowledgeable about social media, and be comfortable teaching and empowering others. This is a half-time position. For more information, please go to [www.uusj.org](http://www.uusj.org). The application deadline has been extended to April 15.



**Pledge for Fiscal Year 2016-17**  
July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I / we plan to contribute the amount indicated below on the selected schedule (fill out one of the following 4 lines):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly  
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As a result, I / we commit a total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the operating budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. (Leave blank, if you want the Financial Officer to compute this.)

*It is understood that financial situations sometimes change. If you need to revise your financial commitment, please contact a member of the Board or the Financial Officer.*

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**Reminder**

I / we committed to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [circle one: weekly, monthly, quarterly, or one-time (if one-time, by the date \_\_\_\_\_)].

My / our total commitment for the 2016-17 fiscal year is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

# April 2016

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



## Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Ministry: Congregational Lay Leadership

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**Deadline for Next Odyssey:  
April 22, 2016**

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Unitarian Universalist  
Congregation** is named  
for Don Speed Smith  
Goodloe, first principal of  
Maryland Normal and  
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