



Odyssey June 2010

Newsletter for the Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Ministerial Musings

Dear Members and Friends of Goodloe:

As I write this we are still collecting pledges for our next fiscal year, preparing for our annual meeting, and considering the budget. By the time you read this all the pledges will be in, the annual meeting will be past, and the Board of Trustees will be working on making the pledged income and the budget match.

One of the things I appreciate about Goodloe Memorial is that we are a more economically diverse community than most Unitarian Universalist congregations. In many ways this is strength. It gives us a wider diversity of viewpoints in our worship and in our community life. It makes us welcoming to more people than our sister congregations who are made up of almost all upper middle class people. It also, means, however, that we can struggle with our congregational budget in the same ways that some of us struggle with our home budgets. There is never enough to do everything we would like to do. We must pick and choose.

Recently, at an event at the UU Church of Annapolis, I picked up a fair share giving card from their lobby (It is copied below.) It began at a suggested 2% and went to 10%. I have heard other ministers suggest an aim for their own giving of 10% for all of their charitable giving; the congregation and their other gifts.

I shared with someone recently that one of my resolves is to become better at understanding and managing finances. I would like to pay my house off by the time I retire at 70. I would like to help my grandsons (Number three is on the way.) when they are ready for college. I would like to not worry about having enough to pay the bills if anything extra comes up or breaks down.

Gloria Steinim said, "We can tell our values by looking at our checkbook stubs," and it is true. The Jewish and Christian scriptures have more to say about how we handle our finances than they do about

sexual mores despite where many have put the emphasis.

We are an economically diverse congregation. That is a strength. As we all consider the values we declare by our use of what money we have we will be even stronger.

Blessed Be,
Cyn

Mystic Journeys – Ken Shilling

In his March report, UUA President Peter Morales speaks his beliefs about UU's "Getting religion". He speaks of authentic community where we are connected in love with others in service to our ideals. He talks about a spirit of deep compassion that inspires and transforms lives. He urges cultural change that embraces multicultural America and engages religious seekers with their gifts of culture and traditions.

Our community shines when a young person suggests the need to change the worship banner. We teach our youth that every person has a voice. We help select a banner that could drape nicely. There is a slight problem as the banner has the 'old' Bowie UU Fellowship name. Yet, the youth is inspired by the symbolism in the banner. Our solution is draping the banner with the old name, and ask for a new banner, and wouldn't it be great if our youth can somehow help in making the new banner. This is open and authentic community.

We laugh in worship frequently. Laughter is an ancient healing practice. We sing from a variety of musical traditions. We are willing to get up and dance in worship as a congregation. Our youth sense our openness, and feel inspired by some music to dance.

We allow the movement and praise the dancer.
Dancing is a spiritual gift to share. And would it not be great to have a choreographer again for sacred dance for adults and youth.

Our faith is how we view our daily problems and see opportunity for solutions that promote our spiritual community. We stay in relation to each other as we work through a problem. We even have ‘Oprah moments’ of deep compassion in our worship. I have had conversations with members from two large churches on how we are nurturing our relationships in public worship at Goodloe.

We have a very special community. We are demonstrating a healthy, vibrant community that others want to emulate. At times, we may be a bit “silly”. The word silly derives from the Greek word “selig”, which means blessing. In accord with ancient wisdom, let the children participate in our traditions for they are our blessings for the future.

We are not perfect. May we be blessed in our playfulness to be open in our spiritual explorations. We make mistakes. When we make mistakes, may we 1) reconcile and renew our relationships within our Beloved Community. Blessed Be.

Upcoming Service Topics

June 6 Gay and Straight Together and Proud Rev. Snavelly
“Forty years ago, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted police harassment that had become all too common for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Out of this resistance, the LGBT rights movement in America was born. During LGBT Pride Month, we commemorate the events of June 1969 and commit to achieving equal justice under law for LGBT Americans.” (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender pride month, 2009, by the President of the United States of America A Proclamation Barak Obama)
June 13 Religious Education Sunday Tisha Richardson, Coordinator of Religious Education
June 20 Images of a Father God Rev. Snavelly

For some the image of God as father is comforting, for others frightening, for some both. On this Father's Day we consider this image of the holy.

June 27 Keeping the Unitarian Universalist Faith Rev. Snavelly

Some think of Unitarian Universalism as "believing anything you want." That is not so. Unitarian Universalism is a faith that requires an adherent to do the work to know what one believes, why one believes it, and whether the belief is good for oneself and the larger world.

July 4 What Does It Mean to Be Free? Rev. Snavelly

On this Independence Day we consider what it means to be free as individual citizens and as a nation.

Goodloe Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2010

Present: Ken Shilling, Rev. Cyn Snavelly, Joe Puccio, Jill York, Roger Davidson, Jackie Lord, and Laird Towle.

Invocation: The meeting was called to order about 7:35 after a reading by Rev. Cyn.

Business:

- 1) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 6th Board Meeting were approved as corrected.
- 2) **Minutes:** The Minutes of the April 25th Board Meeting were approved as corrected.
- 3) **Nominations:** The Nominating Committee recommends the following candidates:
President – Ken Shilling – 1 yr.
Vice President – Matt Tucker – 1 yr.
Trustee at large- Jackie Lord – 2 yrs.
Joe Puccio – Nominating Committee – 1 yr.
Laird Towle – Nominating Committee – 1 yr.
Hazel Elbert (to be confirmed) – Nominating Committee – 1 yr.
- 4) **Financial Officer:** Barbara Puccio has agreed to be financial-officer-in-training. A small, but welcome surge in pledge payments was received in April. However, it appears that we will have a loss in the range of \$7K to \$9K for this fiscal year. An ad hoc committee consisting of Roger Davidson, Ken Shilling, Rev Cyn Snavelly, and Laird Towle is to meet at 9am on Friday May 7th to attempt to lay out a balanced budget for FY2010/11. Jackie offered to send an email pledge reminder to speed up the pledge submissions.
- 5) **Mortgage:** The bank is currently processing our request for refinancing.

- 6) **Religious Ed:** We currently have no RE Committee, and will be losing one of our two teachers at the end of June. The RE department is in need of rebuilding.
- 7) **Alcohol:** Ken is going to recast the proposed alcohol policy as a behavioral covenant, and circulate it to the Board. It will also be discussed at the annual meeting.
- 8) **June Board Meeting:** The Old Board/New Board joint meeting will be held on Tuesday June 8th.
- 9) **Annual Meeting:** Laird is to draft the official notice of the Annual meeting in collaboration with Rev Cyn. He will mail it to the members without email addresses on May 5th. He will also send it to Jackie for email distribution.
- 10) **Heat & Lights:** All Board members are urged to see that the heat/ac, lights, and locks are properly attended to whenever they leave the building last.
- 11) **Meditation:** The Board approved the request of the Buddhist Meditation Group to use the sanctuary from 9-noon on Saturday June 5th.
- 12) **Book Sale:** The Board rejected a request to use the sanctuary for a book sale/interfaith discussion on June 13th.
- 13) **Freda Mauldin Fund:** Possible social action uses for the \$810 contributed in memory of Freda Mauldin was discussed. It was suggested that to use some of the funds in support of our annual Goodloe Memorial Celebration would be appropriate. Rev Cyn is to prepare a draft budget for consideration by the Board.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned about 9:50

**Respectfully submitted, Laird Towle, Secretary,
May 5, 2010**

**Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting
Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist
Congregation, 16 May 2010**

President Ken Shilling called the meeting to order about 11:35 am.
There were 31 members present which exceeded the quorum requirement of 21.
The President called on the Nominating Committee for their report. Chairman Joe Puccio reported the following slate of candidates to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees and major standing committees:

Board of Trustees:

President – Ken Shilling, 1 year term

V. Pres. – Matt Tucker, 1 year term

Secretary – Kevin Smith, 2 year term

Trustee at Large – Jackie Lord, 2 year term

[Continuing Board Members]

[Financial Officer – Roger Davidson, continuing through 2nd year of term]

[Trustee at Large – Jill York, continuing through 2nd year of term]

[Minister – Rev. Cyn Snavely, permanent trustee]

Nominating Committee:

Joe Puccio, Hazel Elbert, and Laird Towle, all 1 year terms.

A call was made for nominations from the floor. There were none.

A motion was made and to waive the term limitation on the office of the President, as provided for in the Bylaws. The motion passed by more than the 2/3rds vote required.

A motion was made to elect the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee by acclamation. The motion was passed.

Rev Cyn Snavely took a straw poll on member's preference for alternative wording with intent of drafting a new mission statement for Goodloe

The President presented several budget scenarios for next fiscal year all of which showed that our financial situation will be tight under the best of circumstances. He urged those who have not yet submitted their pledges for next year to do so as soon as possible so that the budget can be finalized.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55

Respectfully submitted,

Laird Towle, Secretary

17 May 2010

Network of Spiritual Progressives Conference

People of Faith are gathering with others of liberal values and ethics from across the nation, to build “The Caring Society” in the midst of the turmoil and divisiveness currently gripping our nation. Join us,

June 11-14th at the Network of Spiritual Progressives/Tikkun National Conference in Washington DC. **For more information/registration visit: www.spiritualprogressives.org, or call 510-644-1200.** Help with conference also needed (volunteers contact esizem@yahoo.com).



Congratulations Graduates!

Julia Pietras



Graduated with a B.A from Virginia Commonwealth University and already has a job with Peebles dept. stores.

Katy Puccio



Graduated from Bowie High School and will be attending AACC.

Katy traveled half way around the world to visit Japan and took turns working in the Nursery on Sundays.

Sean Page



Graduated from Charles H. Flowers High School. Sean has been an active teen leader in the district youth council and "Con"goer. Sean and Katy participated in the youth worship service on the environment that was later published in a UUA global warming CD.

Don't Forget.

Java Joint: The Goodloe open mike coffee house has been declared a success! We will continue to host the event on a monthly basis. Kevin Smith will be organizing, and can be contacted at 410-258-0928. The next Java Joint will be at 7:30 on Saturday June 26th.

Leading Congregations into a Multiracial, Multicultural Future.

Friday, June 11 at 7:30pm in the blue room at Goodloe we will view and discuss excerpts from the 2007 UU National Conference "Now is the Time!"

Fair Share Giving Guide:

Adjusted Annual Income	Supporter The Church is a significant part of my life and promotes my spiritual growth.			Sustainer The Church is central to my identity and I am committed to sustaining our programs.			Visionary I am committed to both the present and future growth of my church.			Full Tithe I designate 10% of my income to the church as a way to live out my spiritual principles		
	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Payment	Annual Payment
\$10,000	2%	\$16	\$200	2%	\$17	\$200	5%	\$42	\$500	10%	\$83	\$1,000
\$25,000	2%	\$42	\$500	3%	\$63	\$750	5%	\$104	\$1,250	10%	\$208	\$2,500
\$50,000	3%	\$125	\$1,500	4%	\$167	\$2,000	5%	\$208	\$2,500	10%	\$417	\$5,000
\$75,000	3%	\$188	\$2,250	4.5%	\$281	\$3,375	6%	\$375	\$4,500	10%	\$625	\$7,500
\$100,000	3.5%	\$292	\$3,500	5%	\$417	\$5,000	6.5%	\$542	\$6,500	10%	\$833	\$10,000
\$150,000	3.5%	\$438	\$5,250	5%	\$625	\$7,500	6.5%	\$813	\$9,750	10%	\$1,250	\$15,000
\$200,000	4%	\$667	\$8,000	5.5%	\$917	\$11,000	7%	\$1,167	\$14,000	10%	\$1,667	\$20,000
\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	\$15,000	6%	\$1,500	\$18,000	8%	\$2,000	\$24,000	10%	\$2,500	\$30,000
\$400,000	6%	\$2,000	\$24,000	7%	\$2,333	\$28,000	8.5%	\$2,833	\$34,000	10%	\$3,333	\$40,000
\$500,000	7%	\$2,917	\$35,000	8%	\$3,333	\$40,000	9%	\$3,750	\$45,000	10%	\$4,167	\$50,000

Start with adjusted gross income, add tax exempt income, property depreciation allowance and interest income, subtract unreimbursed medical expenses and expenses for care of children and/or parents. Sorry the cart is unreadable at this resolution; a pdf format copy is available at <http://www.uua.org/documents/congservices/stewardship/fairshareguide.pdf>

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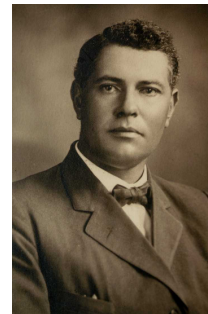
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There will be one Summer issue for
July and August.
**Deadline for Next Odyssey:
June 15th, 2010**
**Please email submissions to
goodloe.newsletter@gmail.com.**

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



June Calendar For Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 Spanish Group	2 7:30 Choir Practice	3	4 7:30 Drumming from the heart	5
6 10:30 Worship/RE	7	8 7:15 Buddhist Meditation 7:30 Board of Trustees	9 7:30 Choir Practice	10	11	12
13 10:30 Worship/RE 11:30 Potluck 12:45 Worship Associates	14	15 7:30 Spanish Group	16 7:30 Choir Practice	17 7:30 Goodloe Readers	18	19
20 10:30 Worship/RE	21	22 7:15 Buddhist Meditation	23 7:30 Choir Practice	24 7:30 Green Sanctuary Group	25	26 7:30 Goodloe Coffeeshouse
27 10:30 Worship/RE 12pm Chinese Buffet 12:45 RE Committee	28	29 7:15 Buddhist Meditation Group	30	July 1	2 7:30 Drumming from the heart	3

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