



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis

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### Hope

—Rev. Fred Muir

*Give them not hell, but hope and courage.* —A.S. Cole  
(attributed to John Murray)

When I've shared that Unitarian Universalism is a religion shaped by the guiding belief and lessons of hope, my orthodox Christian friends - and others - will quickly respond that hope is the foundation of their faith too. They're right, but here's the catch: Christian hope is through the belief in Jesus as the Son of God. In other words, hope is conditional. Unitarian Universalist hope is unconditional, it comes with simply being human. For Unitarian Universalists, hope is always found in the human condition; I believe that hope is quintessential to life, all of life. This was the premise of *A Reason For Hope: Liberation Theology Confronts a Liberal Faith*.

For 34 years (and seven years before my ministry with you), I have preached, taught, modeled and (ad)ministered from a place of hope; together we have tried to live into a beloved community partnered with and built on the tenets of hope (usually referred to as our "Principles and Purposes"). When I look over our three decades of shared ministry - from there to here - I take heart in this renewing and hopeful theme: Grow the circle wider. Let there be no doubt that there have been times of tension and challenge, moments of straying from our hope-filled vision, but we have stayed in right relationship with each other and kept growing the circle of inclusion and promise.

When I announced in June 2016 that I would end my ministry this month - December 2017 - I felt I still had promises to keep and miles to walk. While we have come so far in our ministry since December 1983, the last couple of years, I feel, have been among the deepest and most meaningful ones. And now, with the Rev. Kathleen Rolenz coming as your Interim Minister and with the support and experience of Rev. John, along with an incredible program and administrative staff, the opportunities to keep growing the circle wider are many. Or, in a very secular way of putting it: If UUCA was a stock, I'd invest heavily, now, and with as much cash as I could muster!

Langston Hughes wrote: *Hold fast to dreams/ for if dreams die/ life is a broken-winged bird/ that cannot fly. Hold fast to dreams/ for when dreams go/ life is a barren field/ frozen with snow.* As you might have guessed, Hughes gave the title *Dreams* to his poem. I feel peace, yet great excitement, leaving at this time in UUCA's history because in spite of the fear-filled religious and political rhetoric that we hear around us - words and ideas that sustain some - the promises of Unitarian Universalism and this Annapolis congregation are nourished and supported in hope-filled dreams, your dreams.

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***Next Highlights Deadline:***

***December 15***

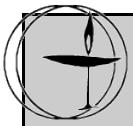
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These final months have been a flurry of "lasts." Many of these have been so moving for me. There has been a bittersweet feeling to many of them since they have involved dreams which I strongly supported and people with whom I have worked closely. And, I will carry with me forever the several recent celebrations of my ministry with you. Words will never be able to express how these have touched me, Karen and my family. The thoughtfulness and love expressed in the images, words and planning have been almost too much to absorb all at once!

Thank you UUCA. The hope we have shared will never die. Dream on and keep hope alive.

Love,

*Fred*



## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, we are seekers of the truth.

We invite all persons of every faith, creed, culture and background to engage in a search for truth with us. We believe in the dignity and worth of every human being and in freedom of expression. We welcome and celebrate all people, be they straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

We are committed to this church as an institution, to social justice, to liberal religious exploration and education for all ages, to mutual caring and support, and to the value of diversity.

We strive to care about each other and the health of our community and the world. We are an environmentally sensitive, "green" community.

This church is a place of safety for each person's mind, body and spirit. Toward that end, we covenant to affirm and promote: Honesty and authenticity in our relationships; words that are supportive and caring, not belittling or demeaning; a welcoming and non-judgmental attitude; respect for each person's boundaries of mind, body and spirit; and listening to one another.

In order to serve the congregation and the greater community, we also strive to create an environment that challenges, inspires, encourages and supports the quest for religious fulfillment.

Please join us!

## Haiku North America, 2017: Multiculturalism, Art, Zen, Back to UUCA

—Phyllis Culham

There was a lot for UUs to love about the biannual meeting of Haiku North America which was rooted in the immediate cultural ambiance of its local organizers yet linked to cultures of the world. The Governor and Lt. Governor of the Picuris tribe of the Pueblos, who owned the art-enriched venue in which we met, began the gathering of September 14-17 in Santa Fe, NM, with a blessing which asked all their gods to protect us, our families, lands, & friends for a hundred years. The Keynote Address on "Skin Tones Are Earth Tones" then set up context for days of sessions on how Native Americans have added haiku to their long-existing traditions of short poetry, Mexican haiku, haiku as new inspiration for dances in the classical Indian tradition of Bharatanatyam, haiku and sign language, & French Canadian haiku, together drawing more than 200 participants from more countries than ever before. Of the two Mindfulness Practice Group facilitators who attended, Bob Ertman took particular interest in the sessions on the Japanese WWII Internment Camp near Santa Fe & the Higgenson Memorial Lecture on haiku and senryu by those interned. (Senryu are less formal, more humorous, and satirical.)

The panel on African American haiku was of great interest to both of us. The panelists traced oscillation around two major poles of attraction through the literary history of black haiku: denial of all nationalisms by Richard Wright (yes, the author of *Black Boy* and *Native Son*) and Black Nationalism in the LowCoup of poet Amiri Baraka. We look forward to HNA 2019, when the meeting will be hosted in Durham by the North Carolina Haiku Society founded by Lenard D. Moore, perhaps the most prominent living black haiku poet.

I had particularly looked forward to the Japanese art practices which shared many of the aims of haiku: immediacy, intimate observation of nature, and absorption in the present moment, all as in mindfulness. Of course, calligraphy was represented. Sumi-e drawing in ink proved difficult enough even before we tried to use rice paper for our haiga, an inclusion of a haiku in an image. The practice of "never lifting the brush" called for an acceptance of imperfection, as in *wabi sabi*. We had the privilege of an introduction to suminagashi, floating ink, from the leading American practitioner of the art, and I am hoping to bring this intense practice of breath and body mindfulness to a fine arts workshop option on our Day of Mindfulness in the Arts at UUCA on Saturday, February 22.

That Day of Mindfulness in the Arts will be even more deeply informed by the two explicitly Zen events at HNA 2017. Bob was admitted to the attendance-limited haiku workshop with Natalie Goldberg, writer, painter, Soto Zen Roshi, where they meditated as well as discussing haiku. We were both intrigued by Sensei and poet Henry Shukman, of the Sanbo lineage, who traced deep reverence for poetry back to China's Tang dynasty's devotion to nature which inspired the

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# FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES...



Questions or comments for the Board?  
Contact Heather Millar, Board Secretary  
at [board@uuannapolis.org](mailto:board@uuannapolis.org).

—Ken Apfel, UUCA Board President

We need YOU! The Board of Trustees urges all members to attend our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 3. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary from 10:30 AM to 12:15 PM.

These are very exciting times at UUCA. The primary purposes of the meeting are to review and vote on the proposed budget for 2018; to discuss and vote on the UUCA Vision; to vote on Emeritus status for Rev. Fred; and to hear about all of the ongoing activities now underway to help us plan for our collective future.

We will provide updates at the meeting on the imminent arrival (yippee!) of our interim minister, Rev. Kathleen Rolenz. We will also hear from the Nominating Committee and their efforts to develop the new slate of UUCA Board members, as well reports on the ongoing and important work of the Governance Team.

The UUCA Vision Team held a number of sessions with congregation members to review and discuss the newly developed UUCA Vision statement. The Team recently finalized its recommendation and met with the Board in October to share this work. The Board unanimously endorsed the Vision and has placed it on the agenda of the December Congregational Meeting. There will be discussion and then a vote by the entire UUCA congregation on our Vision.

We will also be discussing the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> Principle. The Board wants the church community to engage in discussion this winter about the ongoing UUA deliberations on adding an 8<sup>th</sup> Principle, with the goal of a vote in April: "We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."

The Board voted to recommend to the congregation that Rev. Fred Muir be granted "Minister Emeritus" status. According to the UUA, this title honors long and meritorious service to a congregation. Only congregations can bestow this title. We will discuss and vote on this at our meeting. We will miss Fred, and this is a way to show our gratitude for his many years at UUCA.

Please join us at this important meeting. We need your engagement, not only to help provide the quorum necessary to conduct business, but also to help us prepare for our collective future. As a reminder, in order to vote you must have a signed pledge on record with the church.

As we gather together on December 3, we should be mindful of our covenantal commitment to always engage one another in a manner that upholds UUCA as a safe, open and inspirational space. I hope to see you then!

\*The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, **December 11** at 7:00 PM.



## To Access Board Documents Online:

Visit [www.uuannapolis.org/board-meeting-minutes](http://www.uuannapolis.org/board-meeting-minutes), which is protected by a password. Contact the Church Office for the password; [mreese@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org).



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT at UUCA

**MIDDLE HOUR - Sundays @ 10:10 AM!** Below are the adult classes scheduled [subject to change; check the whiteboards at either entrance for current list each Sunday]:

**Sunday, December 3:**

**NO MIDDLE HOUR/RE**

**Sunday, December 31:**

***Inquirers - Membership 101* [Library]**

***Death Café* [RE Sanctuary]**

**Sunday, December 10:**

***Inquirers - Social Justice* [Library]**

***Whole Body Donations* [MacLean room]**

***UU History & Race* [RE Sanctuary]**

**Sunday, December 17:**

***Inquirers - Pastoral Care & Small Groups* [Library]**

***Inclusion Principle* [RE Sanctuary]**

***Holiday Sing-a-long* [Sanctuary]**

***Knitting for Yourself & Others* [MacLean room]**



**Sunday, December 24:**

**NO MIDDLE HOUR/RE**

\*If you are interested in leading a Middle Hour session -

**Contact:** Ginger Parsons; [ginparsons@aol.com](mailto:ginparsons@aol.com).

### Year End Contributions

**Did you know...** Transfers of appreciated stocks or mutual funds can be a tax efficient way to contribute to the church since neither you nor the church pays tax on the capital gain. Also, transfers for next year's budget can be made now to give you the tax deduction in 2017. Contact the UUCA broker Lee Derrick [lee.derrick@ffgadvisors.com](mailto:lee.derrick@ffgadvisors.com) or (410) 263-9708.

The end of the year will be here before we know it. If you are planning to make a year-end donation for 2017 tax purposes, please note that it must be postmarked, transacted electronically, or hand-delivered to the church office by close of business on **December 31**. IRS rules do not allow for back dating contributions received or postmarked after December 31. —Susan Eckert



### Handmade Scarf & Hat Fundraiser



The Sanctuary Committee & the Fiber Fellowship are partnering to raise funds for the work of the Sanctuary Committee.

On Sunday, **December 10 & 17**, stop by the narthex to peruse their display of handmade scarves and hats made by the members and friends of the Fiber Fellowship. Purchases can be made during Middle Hour and after the 11:15 service. All proceeds benefit the Sanctuary Committee.

**Contact:** Stephanie Anderson 703-258-2491.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** On Sundays, cancellations will be posted on our website [be sure popups are enabled in your browser] & available via phone recording at 410-266-8044. During the week, church office closings will be posted online & on the phone message; for other meetings please contact the group leader as decisions are often made on an individual basis.

## Christmas Eve Services

Unitarian Universalists have been major players in shaping the Christmas traditions that have been passed on through the generations. Or, another way to say it would be: Without UUs, Christmas wouldn't be what we've come to know. On this Christmas Eve we won't hold back as we sing, tell stories and share images and words from UUs of old and new.

**5:00 PM - Family Candlelight Service** - Rev. Fred Muir  
with music by Betsy Kraning.

**7:00 & 9:00 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service** - Rev. Fred Muir  
with music by Josh & Nikki Long [7:00]  
or members of the UUCA Choir & Betsy Kraning [9:00]



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later development of two short literary forms with differing spiritual aims: haiku and koans, short, initially puzzling stories. This deep look into Zen and its Chinese predecessor Ch'an will certainly enrich Bob's haiku workshop in February. (There will also be mindful music workshop options in addition to writing and the fine arts.)

**More info:** connect with Haiku North America at [www.haikunorthamerica.com](http://www.haikunorthamerica.com) & with the Mindfulness Practice Group at [www.mpgannapolis.org](http://www.mpgannapolis.org)



*Above: Suminagashi workshop with Tom Leech.*

*Right: Bob Ertman consulting  
Crystal Simone Smith, haiku poet  
& organizer of HNA 2019*



## Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed

The UUCA/AWAKE Prison Ministry needs two facilitators for a Stress Management program held Tuesday evenings at Jessup Correctional Institution in Jessup, MD.

Weekly meetings for a three-month commitment. You only need to have a listening heart. We are hoping to start the next class in January 2018.

Contact: Rev. John Crestwell, [jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org](mailto:jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org).





## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT UUCA

### Sunday, December 3:

#### **"The Case for Hope"**

**Rev. Fred Muir**

Am I naive to be hopeful? In spite of 2016's cultural and political turmoil and disappointments, I enter the holiday season with hope in my heart, with a spirit shaped by hope. Actually, my faith leaves me no choice. Please join me as I consider the case for hope.

Music by UUCA Choir.

**9:00 AM SERVICE ONLY  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
FOLLOWS AT 10:30 AM.  
[NO MIDDLE HOUR/RE]**

### Sunday, December 10:

#### **"Use Your Power"**

**Rev. John Crestwell**

In these hopeless and hopeful times, how do you use your position, place and power to create more just outcomes? As you prepare for Christmas and the beginning of 2018, my answer may surprise and embolden your social action in the days ahead.

Music by the UUCA Orchestra.

### Sunday, December 17:

#### **"Where Is the Light?"**

**Rev. Fred Muir**

At this time, the darkest of the year, we beckon the light forward to fill the darkness and help us see more clearly. The theme of an emerging light in the darkness is present in many

of the December holidays. Join us in this multi-generational service and help us name the light(s) that sustain life.

Music by the UUCA Choir.

### Sunday, December 24:

#### **"I Hope"**

**Rev. John Crestwell**

What do you hope or wish for in 2018? On this Christmas Eve Sunday, Rev. John explores Christmas, consumerism and your hopes for a happier new year.

Music by Betsy Kraning.

**9:00 AM SERVICE ONLY  
NO NURSERY/CHILDCARE OR  
MIDDLE HOUR/RE  
[Christmas Eve services-p. 5]**

### Sunday, December 31:

#### **"Blessed Be the Ties That Bind "**

**Rev. Fred Muir**

Stories are the ties that bind us together at UUCA. In this, my last Sunday service as one of your ministers, I'll share stories from my 34 years of ministry with you, stories that will bind us forever.

Music by Sara Jones.

**9:00 AM SERVICE ONLY  
[CHILDCARE/NURSERY ONLY]**

*December's theme is  
HOPE*

### **SHARE-THE-PLATE COLLECTION**

The **October** Share-the-Plate raised a total of \$1,685.68 for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

For **December**, the **Share-the-Plate** will support a youth mentoring program called Charting Careers, a component of Box of Rain, designed to help our youth discover personal strengths, explore "good fit" career options, gain job and internship experiences, and develop the soft skills necessary to succeed in life. [Boxofrainannapolis.org/charting-careers](http://Boxofrainannapolis.org/charting-careers)

Every Sunday, the offering will be divided evenly between the chosen recipient and UUCA's operating budget. Therefore, if you place a check in the offering plate, you **must indicate pledge or plate share** on the memo line. If a check is without notation, it will automatically be applied to the plate share. Once the funds have been transferred to the charity, your contribution cannot be reallocated to your pledge. Thank you for your generosity.

If you have any questions about Share-the-Plate charities, contact Diane Goforth; [dsgoforth@aol.com](mailto:dsgoforth@aol.com).

for questions about Share-the-Plate policies, contact the Church Office - [mreese@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org).

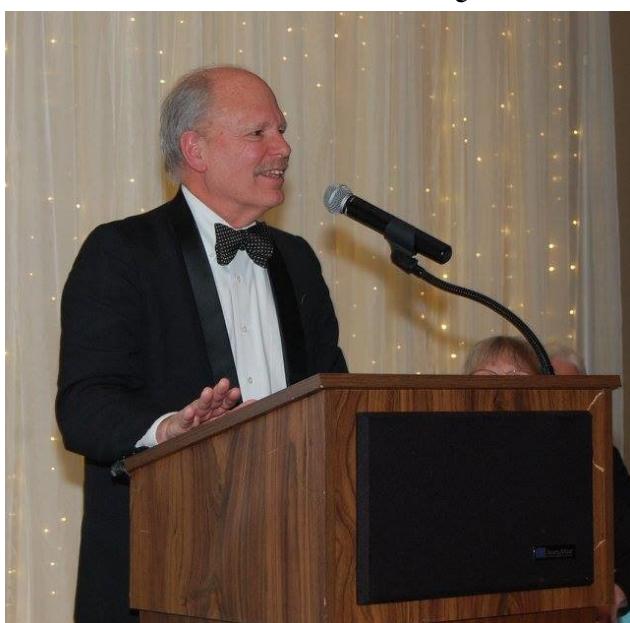
# Celebrating Rev. Fred Muir

On Saturday, November 11, UUCA members & friends, former interns, and the Muir family gathered to celebrate Rev. Fred's 34 years of ministry to this community.

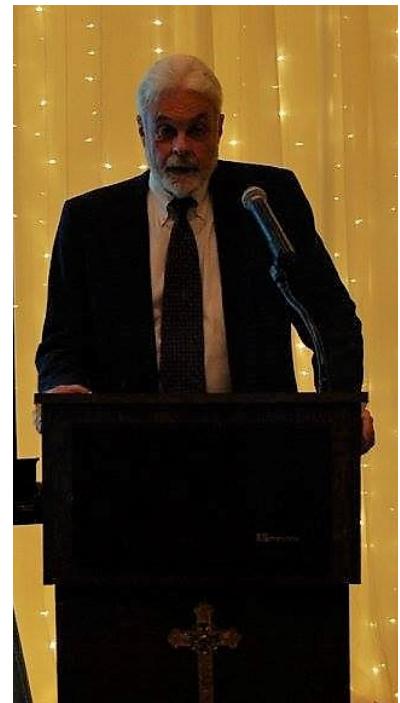
*Below: Rev. Christina Leone-Tracy, former intern & Faith Development Minister at UUCA*



*Below: Rev. Fred makes closing remarks*



*Above: Carrie Kotcho & John Fischer present Rev. Fred with an honorarium from Annapolis Area Ministries & the Light House.*



*Charles Mahanes  
Master of Ceremonies*

*Below: "Beloved Community: The Difference Rev. Fred Muir Has Made to Our Church, Our Community, Our Faith, & the World" by Cliff & Jane Andrew*



More photos & video can be viewed on

[UUCA's Facebook group](#)

## *A Special Gift*

In recognition of Rev. Fred's 34 years of dedicated service to UUCA, the congregation presented Fred and his wife Karen with funds totaling \$19,000 for a trip to the Galapagos Islands - fulfilling a life-long dream. Donations were made by members, friends, and former interns from across country.



*Left: Fred and Karen receiving the congregation's gift.*

*Below: the Retirement Celebration Committee members*



*Left: VERY large crowd of members & friends on hand for the special service and gift presentation on Sunday, November 12.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit our [online calendar](#) for more events and scheduling information.

**First Friday Concert**- Friday, **December 1**, 8:00 PM. This final Friday concert features classical guitarist Meng Su in **Transformation: Guitar Gems, 17th Century to the Present**. Tickets \$15 at the door only.

**Outdoor Club** - Saturday, **December 2**, meet at the church at 9:00 AM to carpool to Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Park in Dorchester Co. Lunch in a local restaurant follows.

**Contact:** Eloise Hoyt; [eloisehoyt@verizon.net](mailto:eloisehoyt@verizon.net)

**SURJ [Showing Up for Racial Justice]** - Saturday, **December 2**, 3:00-5:00 PM; all are welcome to this group which promotes racial justice in the wider community.

**Contact:** Melissa Merritt; [mfaithmerritt@gmail.com](mailto:mfaithmerritt@gmail.com)

**Nifty 50+ Potluck** - Saturday, **December 2**, 6:00-9:00 PM. Join the 50+ age group for a holiday potluck. **Contact:** Claire Morgen; [cfriday@aol.com](mailto:cfriday@aol.com).

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - Sunday, **December 3**, 10:30 AM. Childcare & Nursery provided.

**UU Humanists** - Tuesdays, **December 5 & 19**, 6:00 PM in the narthex. We'll discuss Rev. Fred Muir's book *Heretics' Faith*; Rev. Fred will facilitate discussion on December 19. Potluck at 6:00 PM; program at 6:30 PM. Also meet Sunday, **December 10**, at 12:15 PM in the Emerson room for light lunch & discussion of the Humanist principles - **Contact:** Cliff Andrew; [neurol@jhmi.edu](mailto:neurol@jhmi.edu)

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Join the **UU Theists** Sunday, **December 10** at 8:00 AM; open to anyone with an interest in a UU perspective of theism is welcome. **Contact:** John Fischer; [jwlfischer@gmail.com](mailto:jwlfischer@gmail.com).

**Stone Soup** - Sunday, **December 10**, 4:00-7:00 PM. UUCA annual holiday tradition! Bring a soup ingredient to church service, then return in the evening for crafts, tree-trimming, music, and -of course- the *Stone Soup* story and soup! Sign up at [tinyurl.com/StoneSoup2017](http://tinyurl.com/StoneSoup2017)

**Contact:** Elise Berrocal; [eberrocal@uuannapolis.org](mailto:eberrocal@uuannapolis.org) [volunteers] or Michele Reese; [mreese@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mreese@uuannapolis.org) [craft donations].

**Board of Trustees Meeting** - Monday, **December 11**, 7:00 PM; in the library. Board meetings are open to anyone, unless otherwise specified. **Contact:** [board@uuannapolis.org](mailto:board@uuannapolis.org).

**UUCA Fiber Fellowship** - needle crafters meeting Thursday, **December 14** at 2:00 PM in the Young room.

**Contact:** Ginger Parsons; [ginparsons@aol.com](mailto:ginparsons@aol.com)

**UUCA Office** closes at **NOON** on Wednesday, **December 20**, and will be **CLOSED** on Sunday, **December 24** & Monday, **December 25**.

**Christmas Eve Services** - **9:00 AM**; no nursery, child-care, RE or Middle Hour

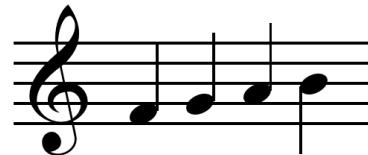
**5:00 PM**; family-friendly service

**7:00 & 9:00 PM**; traditional candlelight services

**Rev. Fred's Farewell Service** - Sunday, **December 31**, **9:00 AM** nursery & childcare only/no RE, followed by refreshments. Inquirers **will** meet. [no 11:15 service today]

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Music in the Woods** - a new concert series begins Sunday, **January 7** at 3:00 PM with a performance by Brian Ganz entitled ***Chopin's Hidden Gems & Timeless Treasures***. \$20 includes admission & reception. Concerts continue on the first Sunday of the month at a cost of \$15: watch for more details.

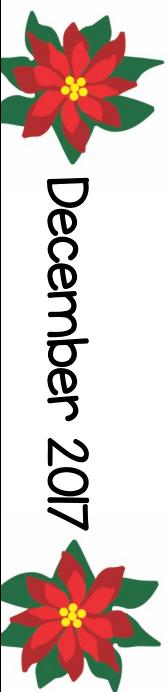


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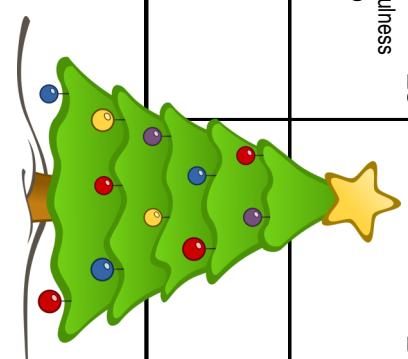
Hope has to be seen to be believed.  
It has to be made visible.  
It has to be something we can feel and touch.  
We are called to be persons who embody hope for one another.  
We have to be each other's partners in hope.

-Paul Wadell,  
theologian





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30 PM Full Moon Celebration 8:00 PM Concert	2 9:00 AM Outdoor Club 3:00 PM SJRI 6:00 PM Nifty 50+
3 8:30 AM Mindfulness 9:00 AM Worship/CC 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting/CC 4:00 PM AWAKE	4 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch 6:00 PM UU Humanists	5 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	7 7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	8	9
10 8:00 AM UU Theists 8:30 AM Mindfulness 9:00 AM Worship/CC 10:10 AM Middle Hour 11:15 AM Worship/CC 12:30 PM UU Humanists 4:00 PM Stone Soup	11 7:00 PM Board Meeting 7:30 PM Drum Circle	12 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch	13 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 2:00 PM Fiber Arts Fellowship 7:00 PM Mindfulness Practice Group	15	16
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## ONGOING EVENTS

**Amnesty International:** The Annapolis Chapter of Amnesty International meets on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the Reeb Room of the Fahs House. All are invited, especially members of the UUCA congregation who believe that one person can make a difference. Come check us out.

**Coming to the Table:** meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Dissolving racism with understanding through conversation. Contact: Rusty Vaughan; [rusty@solutionreps.com](mailto:rusty@solutionreps.com).

**Fiber Arts Fellowship:** needlecrafters who meet on the second Thursday and fourth Sunday in the Young room. [Summer sessions vary] Contact: Ginger Parsons; [ginparsons@aol.com](mailto:ginparsons@aol.com)

**Full Circle:** meets monthly at 7:30 PM on the Friday night closest to the full moon. An experiential earth-based celebration open to all women over age 18. Contact Jodi Delaney; [jodimonkey@verizon.net](mailto:jodimonkey@verizon.net).

**Gallery at 333:** The Gallery at 333 is open Mon.-Thurs. from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sundays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Contact Debbie Boudra; [dancindebart@comcast.net](mailto:dancindebart@comcast.net).

**Introduction to Mindfulness and Meditation:** Beginner-friendly session every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Emerson Room. For those who want to learn the basics of meditation and those who just want another opportunity to practice with a group. Contact Phyllis Culham at [mpg@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mpg@uuannapolis.org).

**Inquirers" Series - Classes for Newcomers:** A program to educate and integrate newcomers and to serve as a refresher for long-timers. The series is eight (8) one-hour classes led by ministers, staff and church members during Middle Hour or after church service in the summer months.

**Light House Shelter Meals:** If you are interested in helping with meals for the Shelter, contact Carrie Kotcho; 410-451-1844; [ckotcho@verizon.net](mailto:ckotcho@verizon.net).

**Mindfulness Practice Group:** meets every Thursday in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for meditation and dharma discussion. Contact Phyllis Culham at [mpg@uuannapolis.org](mailto:mpg@uuannapolis.org).

**Nifty Fifties +:** A social group for seniors, that meets periodically for dinners, game nights, and other outings. Potluck held the first Saturday of each month at 6:00 PM. Contact Claire Morgen at [cfriday@aol.com](mailto:cfriday@aol.com).

**Rainbow Co-op:** a cooperative, Montessori-based program for young children that teaches the 7 "Rainbow Principles" of the UU faith. Meets Tuesday & Thursday mornings, 9:30-Noon. Contact: Alethea Shiplett; [feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:feymeadowsfarm@gmail.com).

**Spirit Singers** Open to all musicians! Led by co-directors Betsy Kraning and Josh Long, this group provides diverse, intergenerational, multicultural, contemporary music once a month for worship services. Contact Betsy Kraning, Music Director at [bkraning@uuannapolis.org](mailto:bkraning@uuannapolis.org).

**The Tuesday Noon Lunch Bunch:** Meets weekly mid-September through May in the narthex. Bring your lunch to eat during the half-hour social time, watch episodes of *CBS Religion & Culture News* as well as local & UU material suggested by the lunchers. Discussion follows. Contact: Bob Ertman; [robertertman@msn.com](mailto:robertertman@msn.com).

**UUCA Choir:** with director Len Langrick; rehearses September-May every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Provides relevant music twice a month for Sunday services. New members always welcome. Contact: Len Langrick; [llangrick@uuannapolis.org](mailto:llangrick@uuannapolis.org)

### **UUCA Community Drum Circle:**

Looking to connect with others in a spiritual yet visceral way? Try the Drum Circle! No musical experience necessary. Meets on the second Monday and fourth Tuesday in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM. Contact Chris Larragoite; [molson2002@verizon.net](mailto:molson2002@verizon.net)

### **UU Legislative Ministry of MD**

**(UULM-MD):** UULM-MD is a statewide advocacy network comprised of individual members and affiliated UU congregations. UULM-MD provides a voice in legislative action for UU values, principles and traditions. UUCA provides leadership, resources and support to UULM-MD. Email [info@uulmmd.org](mailto:info@uulmmd.org) or call 410-266-8044, ext. 111.

**UU Humanists:** Naturalism-Science-Reason-Wonder-Compassion-Community-Respect. Book discussions and film viewings as announced. Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month; 6:00 PM potluck and 7:00 PM discussion; in the narthex and the second and fourth Sunday at 12:15 PM in the Emerson room. Contact Cliff Andrew at 410-404-7170 or [neurol@jhmi.edu](mailto:neurol@jhmi.edu).

**UU Theists:** A group of people interested in a UU perspective of theism. Meets the second Sunday of the month before the first service. Contact: John Fischer; [jwfischer@gmail.com](mailto:jwfischer@gmail.com).





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