



HIGHLIGHTS

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To create the Beloved Community by inspiring and empowering all souls to live bold and compassionate lives.

Rev-it Up: From the Minister's Desk



Rev. Kathleen C. Rolenz, Interim Senior Minister

This month's theme is "Perseverance," which is described as "steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success." It's not a bad description for what happens during the Interim time as well! As you know, I've served as an interim for three different congregations and with each of them, experienced different ways in which people "persevered." Some people choose to stay, but kept their distance from the church until "everything calmed down." Others remained engaged, continuing to do what they always did. Some, however, used the interim time to not only reflect on their church's patterns and habits, but on their own relationship to the church and to its future.

The interim time is like engaging with the New Year. We get to review the past and make some decisions about how we can be different in the year ahead. Sometimes we get into patterns and habits which we may largely be unaware of. The interim time can shake that up, and provide a way for you to explore who you are now. One of the important aspects of the interim time is that we begin with a clean slate. We have no history together, which means that I don't have any preconceived notions about who you are or who or what the church should be. Having

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Rev. John T. Crestwell, Associate Minister

Each month, I will give you a brief update on the work I/we are doing together at UUCA, as it relates to my portfolio--which consists of AWAKE Ministries, Membership/Growth, PR/Communications, Small Group Ministries, Audio-Visual Tech, along with some social justice, pastoral care, teaching, preaching and various administrative duties.

AWAKE Ministries

AWAKE is busy revamping its website and work, including moving the prison ministry to Tuesday afternoons while remaining on Wednesday evenings. The prison ministry meets with 10-20 men weekly at Jessup Correctional and is some of the most important work we do. I am witness to lives being transformed through emotional/self-awareness skills development. If you are interested in learning more about their stories, let me know.

I'm also excited that over a dozen people joined the AWAKE Life Coaching class, held in person and by ZOOM, to learn and enhance their life-skills. This is a five-month commitment where participants discuss and develop 52 important emotional literacy skills.

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AWAKE evening worship continues sporadically, about 6-8 times per year on most 2nd Sundays. The next one is Feb 11 (potluck at 4pm and service at 5pm). The Sunday morning 4th Sunday services continue (the next one is Feb 25).

Membership/Growth

In 2017, UUCA grew by more than 50 people--the most growth in over a decade. This was due to several factors--the national election, good worship, the Inquirers Middle Hour Series for newcomers, among other things. To assist with continued growth, UUCA hired Joshua Long part-time as our Membership/Growth Coordinator. This is in addition to his wonderful work as our Contemporary Music Director, leading AWAKE's music and co-leading the Spirit Singers. He will be working 20-hours a week. His position is possible in part by a Chalice Lighter's Grant and funds from AWAKE Ministries. More grants are

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Sunday Services at UUCA

9:00 am and 11:15 am

February 4, 2018

Is Humanism Only for White People?

Rev. Kathleen C. Rolenz

In recognition of Black History Month and UUCA's traditional focus on humanism during the month of February, this sermon will reflect on the influence of humanism on people of color in Unitarian Universalism. It's a story filled with both triumph and tragedy and has telling implications for the future of this faith. The UUCA Choir will provide music.

February 11, 2018

Darwin Sunday—The Evolution of Us

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz and Leika Lewis Cornwell, Worship Lay minister

Charles Darwin gifted the world with the theory of evolution, which remains the gold standard by which we understand the evolution of the species. Understanding the ways in which human beings evolve emotionally and spiritually is no less complex, fascinating or controversial. Rev Rolenz will share the sermon with Leika Lewis Cornwell, currently in seminary studying for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Music provided by Sara Jones.

Sunday Evening: AWAKE Service

4pm potluck; 5pm service

Join Rev. John, Josh Long and the AWAKE Singers & Band for an evening of inspirational worship and fellowship. We will discuss the monthly theme of perseverance, the history of Black History month, and the struggle for freedom. Bring a small dish to share for the potluck dinner.

February 18, 2018

The Persistence of Memory

Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

Memory lingers long – until it doesn't. When memory fails or fades, what happens to the person or the institution? How does memory shape our understanding of the past and prepare us for the future? This sermon will explore the persistence of our memories and how we make meaning of them. The UUCA Choir will provide music.

February 25, 2018

Brokenheartedness

Rev. John T. Crestwell, Jr.

Have you ever had your heart broken by life? English poet, David Whyte, says that "heartbreak is how we mature." It doesn't feel that way when it's happening does it? If you've had trouble recovering from a setback, this service is for you. Rev. John will discuss how your setbacks are actually setups for spiritual growth. Music by Contemporary Music Director, Josh Long, and others.

This Month's Theme: Perseverance

"Wise Words" from the Soul Matters Packet, which asks the question: "What does it mean to be a person of perseverance?"

This morning I have been pondering a nearly forgotten lesson I learned in high school music. Sometimes in band or choir, music requires players or singers to hold a note longer than they actually can hold a note. In those cases, we were taught to mindfully stagger when we took a breath so the sound appeared uninterrupted. Everyone got to breathe, and the music stayed strong and vibrant... So let's remember the advice of music: Take a breath. The rest of the chorus will sing. The rest of the band will play. Rejoin so others can breathe. Together, we can sustain a very long, beautiful song for a very, very long time. You don't have to do it all, but you must add your voice to the song."

- Michael Moore

February is Black History Month

We honor and remember **Frances Ellen Watkins Harper** (1825—1911) a



19th-20c author, poet and activist who challenged Unitarians and other Christians to practice a form of religion that reflected "a stronger sense of justice ..." She was born to free parents in Baltimore in 1825, holding dual membership in Unitarian and AME churches. Much of her youth was devoted to abolishing slavery. In one of her poems, *Iola Leroy*, she wrote: "There is light beyond darkness, joy beyond the present pain...the shadows bear a promise of a brighter com-



Religious Exploration

Elise Berrocal, Acting Director of Religious Exploration

Welcome to 2018, RE families! Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays is behind us, before us lies a new year – a new year of refreshed perspective and new opportunities for spiritual growth. And specifically for RE, the New Year affords an opportunity to check in on our class offerings for children and youth. In addition to regular updates between all class volunteers and staff, this winter we will be facilitating family meetings among Our Whole Lives (OWL), Coming of Age (COA), and Young Religious UUs (YRUU) classes. Please note the following:

Middle Hour—February

COA Parent Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 21st at 10:10 a.m.
Haven Room (meeting space off Fahs House kitchenette, accessible from Fahs House back porch, first door)
Together with parent facilitator and emotional literacy coach Alethea Shiplett, parents and volunteers will discuss issues facing families of 8th graders, as well as COA curriculum and upcoming class activities.

YRUU Parent Meeting, Sunday, Jan. 28, 11:15 a.m.

Young Room (church lower level, room next to kitchenette) Youth coordinator Paul Berry will facilitate an information session among parents regarding YRUU coursework and upcoming activities, specifically the planning for a proposed youth group service trip to Appalachia, Summer 2018.

OWL Parent Meeting. Sunday, Feb. 4 10:10 a.m.

—Haven Room (meeting space off Fahs House kitchenette, accessible from Fahs House back porch, first door)
Facilitators will update parents on progress of course content, and facilitate discussion on content remaining for the rest of the church year.

Additionally, in the New Year, RE will be working on new mechanisms to ensure families are regularly kept up to date on coursework and the spiritual themes being explored during classes. In the meantime, for further information about children and youth RE programming, please contact me directly at eberrocal@uuannapolis.org, or [410-266-8044, x104](tel:410-266-8044). I look forward to hearing from you, and working with you on the spiritual development of our kids. Blessings! Elise

LIBRARY: INQUIRERS	SANCTUARY	MacLEAN ROOM	R.E. SANCTUARY	Fahs House Reeb
Feb 4 - Inq. 4 - Faith Development - Richard Avila	Songs of Protest over the Years - Betsy Kraning	February Canvass - John Crestwell	Creating Inclusive Communitive - Thornell Jones and Alethea Shiplett	XXXXXXXXXX
Feb. 11 - Inq. 5 - UU History - Kathleen Rolenz	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	UULM - Betty Crowley	BBC, UU History Around Race, Current Efforts to Heal - Don Patterson	UUCA Governance - Evelyn Spurgin
Feb. 18 - Inq. 6 - Social Action & Justice - Pat Fleeaharty		Beyond Inquirers— Josh Long	Theists = John Fischer	
Feb. 25 - Inq. 7 - Pastoral Care & Small Groups - Margee Wolff	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Emotional Literacy 101 - Alethea Shiplett	Haiku - Bob Ertman	

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expected to help fund this vital position for the congregation's continued success.

PR/Communications. I will be working with Rev. Kathleen and others in the month's ahead to develop a communications strategy for inside and outside methods of increasing visitors, using church technology better, getting information disseminated effectively, and updating our website and other communication tools. More to come.

Small Group Ministries (SGM) S (ZIPS) continues with more than 50 participants. These small groups meet

monthly to discuss the monthly church theme. Joshua Long, our Membership Coordinator is assisting in the development and expansion of these groups that are vital connectors of members and friends of UUCA.

Audio/Video Special thank yous to Sean Woolums for being a very dependable sound-tech on Sundays and for the Concert Series, Geoff Eckert who handles big events and evening AWAKE worships; as well as Jack Anderson who covered the booth for two memorial services in January. You all are the best!

Lastly, I/we do all of this good and hard work not because it is something to do with our time but rather because it is spiritual-work, soul work that transforms ourselves and others. May we continue to *persevere* (our monthly theme) and hold on to the good that we do until what we do becomes the world we seek. Questions? Coffee?

Lunch? Reach me here: jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org

Love, Rev. John

UUCA Board of Trustees

By Ken Apfel, UUCA Board of Trustees, President

Once again UUCA has the opportunity to take a leadership role in our UU faith and to take significant steps forward in our church's commitment to combating racism. The Board believes that embracing the "8th Principle" is the next important step towards wholeness as it challenges us as individuals and as a church to address racism. We hope the congregation will enthusiastically embrace it as we have.

As Rev. Kathleen said to us, "...the struggle to turn our ideals into real, lasting institutional change continues to challenge us to dig deeper and to be more resilient in our resistance to everyday racism."

In this spirit, this month, the UUCA Board voted to establish the *8th Principle Task Force* to help UUCA dig deeper on this issue. The Board Task Force, co-chaired by Dianne Moreau and Diane Goforth, has three main goals: to help draft a resolution to be presented to the congregation at the

congregational meeting in April, to engage the congregation in listening and discussion sessions centered on the 8th Principle prior to our meeting and to look at ways to integrate the 8th Principle concepts into our UUCA culture and processes.

The resolution will likely be in two parts. The first part of the resolution would put UUCA on record in support of 8th Principle language: *"We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, resolve 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 second part of the resolution would urge the UUUA to take steps to incorporate the 8th Principle concepts into our UU Principles. UUUA's Board of Trustees is currently in the process of deciding how to bring this issue to resolution at a future General Assem-

bly. UUUA Regional staff has recommended that committed congregations ask UUUA to be part of any stakeholder process that will likely be convened on possible changes.

To engage the congregation, several "Middle Hours" have already taken place, and two more are already scheduled for February 4th and March 4th. In addition, two "Congregational Conversations" are scheduled on Sunday, March 18 and Sunday, March 25, to start right after the second service. Please join in these discussions.

Dr King said that "we must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men (and women) willing to be co-workers." UUUA has an important opportunity to continue our tireless efforts in this struggle. Our engagement is important -- to Unitarian Universalism, to UUUA and to each of us as individuals..

Church Administration & Finance

Susan Eckert, Church Administrator

New Year's greetings!. The church office is always extra busy in January as we transition from one year to the next. This year is no exception with the arrival of our Interim Senior Minister, Rev. Kathleen, who I am delighted to be working with during her ministry at UUUA. I appreciate Kathleen's fresh perspective and welcome her feedback toward improving staff/congregation communication and in reviewing facility management, administrative, personnel and financial systems to enable the achievement of organizational goals.

As many of you may know, our Administrative Assistant, Michele Reese, is no longer on staff as of Dec 28, 2017. The Admin Team is re-examining this position and expects to have a job posting in early February.

I am grateful for your patience and support as we move into the next chapter of creating the beloved community at UUUA.

Share-the Plate Update

The **December** collection raised \$2,823 to benefit Charting Careers, a component of Box of Rain, designed to help youth discover personal strengths, explore "good fit" career options, gain job and internship experiences, and develop the soft skills necessary to succeed in life.

For **February**, the Share-the-Plate Recipient will be the UU Legislative Ministry of MD. This group works to support legislative measures that reflect our UU values. Topics of particular interest this session include climate change, economic justice, criminal justice reform, health care, and death with dignity.



Membership: UUCA Continues to Grow

Joshua Long, Membership & Growth Coordinator

UUCA Welcomes New Members

The following people signed the membership book on January 7; Kimberly A. Wiegman, Janan F. Frey, Ashton Oldfield, Anastasia (Theodora) Mason . Welcome! We're so glad you're here!

Beyond Inquirers

So you've become a member...Now what do you do? This is a new series designed for those who have joined the church in the past 12 to 18 months but is open to all! We will explore UU identity, history, covenant, how to be UU and how to "do" church" here at UUCA. All are welcome. This is a three part series taking place during Middle Hour on February 18th (Maclean Room), March 18th (TBD), and April 15th (Maclean Room). Contact: Josh Long & Ellen Gaston for more info.

Beacons: Connecting new & current members

"Beacons: The UUCA Beacon program is in need of more beacons. This is a program that connects new members with a current member. Responsibilities include follow up contact, communicating events, and being an available person to help welcome new members into the church community. Please contact Ellen Gaston for more info. ekgaston@sbcglobal.net "

Music Series at UUCA is DiVine

Second Concert in Arts in the Woods Concert Series

Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Tickets \$15.00



Inspirational and full of life! An afternoon of gospel style music, sacred and secular texts, traditional, contemporary and neo gospel by this dynamic and exciting female ensemble.....Led by Patricia Whye-Samuel, this group has been singing since 1993. The group has been recipients of many awards including the 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 S&M Gospel Music Indie Award for Contemporary Female Group of the Year. In September of 2016, in Atlanta, Georgia, the International Music Association presented Divine of Annapolis with top honors as Grand Finale Champions of the Prayze Factor People's Choice Awards. They have appeared in First Night Annapolis as well as in concert in states across the country. They are dedicated to the uplifting of hearts.

Save the Date

The Next Arts in the Woods

Sunday, March 4th at 3:00pm

Pianist, Marianna Prjevalskaya, will explore the evocative sound world of Debussy's "Preludes for Solo Piano". Come hear why *New York Concert Review* called her recent New York recital "a stunning display of mature pianism".

MAD Camp is Coming!

Save the Date!

M.A.D. (Music, Art, and Drama) Camp

August 6-10, 2018 "Pinocchio"

For children entering Grades 3-8.

Assistant positions for Grade 9+

Registration opens March 4th!

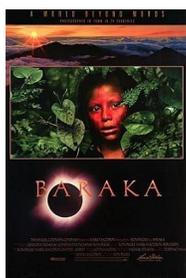
Special Events this Month

This month features a focus on Unitarian Universalism's Fifth Source: "Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit..."

UU Humanist Principles

2nd and 4th Sundays February 11 and 25 12:30 PM after the second service
Light lunch (Bring an item to share) followed by a discussion of Principles and news items relevant to UU Humanists. Meeting in the Emerson Room Fahs House UUCA
Questions? Contact Cliff Andrew neurol@jhmi.edu

February Freethought Film Festival



First and Third Tuesdays in February
UUCA Narthex 6 PM Potluck Dinner and Discussion
Bring an item to share
then 7 PM Sanctuary Film Screening

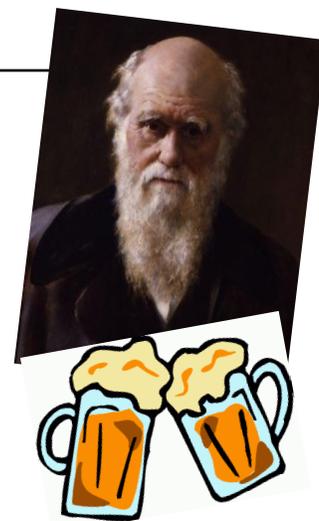
February 6 *Baraka*

A collection of expertly photographed scenes of human life and religion.



February 20 *Fantastic Planet*

"Nothing else has ever looked or felt like director Rene Laloux's animated marvel; a politically minded and visually inventive work of science fiction. On a far-away planet where blue giants rule, oppressed humanoids rebel against their machine-like leaders...A jarring examination of racism and intolerance."



Tip a Pint to Charlie

(Darwin, that is!)

Join the UU Humanists for dinner at our 8th Annual Celebration of Charles Darwin's Birthday
Monday February 12, 2018
6 PM Historic Middleton Tavern (Est. 1750) Market Place - Annapolis
Questions: Contact Cliff Andrew
neurol@jhmi.edu

Day of Mindfulness Comes to Annapolis

A Bit of Upaya Comes to Annapolis at Day of Mindfulness in the Arts, Feb. 24 - by Phyllis Culham

Zen traditions have always grown in symbiosis with the arts inculcating concentration, hands on experience of materials, and reflection on the physical and mental self. The Mindfulness Practice Group of Annapolis adds the musical arts to the mix for its Day of Mindfulness in the Arts on **Sat. Feb. 24, 9:15 AM to 3:30 PM**. Both morning and afternoon begin with meditation before workshops. In the morning,



local jazz chanteuse Theresa Sise will lead singing/chanting and the experience of breath through the body. Cate Bonacini, a Zen student of Natalie Goldberg (yes, the bestselling author is also a roshi!) will lead the spiritual practice of journaling. Elizabeth Latture, like Theresa Sise a long time practitioner of mindfulness, will lead outdoor exploration for natural materials for making Letting Go Dolls, as exhibited in

the 333 Gallery last autumn. She'll also propose a ritual for the "doll" you workshopped.

After Mindful Lunch (please bring a vegetarian dish to share) and meditative walking, there'll be the same choice among vocal, 3D, and written arts. UUCA's own Josh Long will offer a workshop on songwriting. Soto Zen Sensei Bob Ertman will be just back from a second trip to Upaya, refreshing his own practice of haiku with Roshi Goldberg, preparing to lead his haiku workshop. Phyllis Culham will coordinate the making of spirit houses, a custom which melds newer Buddhism with older animist and ancestor-worshipping religions. Please pre-register to help us plan the materials for the workshops; e-mailing mpg@uuannapolis.org or visiting the Facebook event page & sending a message or just "commenting" your choice of workshops:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/183110982276517/>

Recommended \$50 donation for the Day, \$20 for student/underemployed; no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

www.uuannapolis.org; 410/266-8044

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said that, however, I have already been learning a lot about your history, your culture and what's important to you. Each month I plan to provide you, the congregation, an update about what I see, what I've been doing and how together, we can make this time as productive as possible.

It's only been 20 days, less than three weeks, and much has been happening around the office and the church.

Newsletter Re-Design.

The first thing you'll notice is that **Highlights**, your newsletter design is undergoing a redesign process. Without an administrative assistant who typically produced Highlights, the newsletter production has fallen on UUCA staff for this month. Instead of using the same template, we decided to try for a fresher look and one that featured information from staff members about what's happening in the various areas of church life.

Each month will feature news from one or both of your ministers, Religious Education, Business and Finance, Membership and Music, as well as the regular articles you are used to receiving from the Board of Trustees, Middle Hour and upcoming events. The monthly newsletter is one of the major publications from the staff at UUCA, so we want to ensure that you, our members, are as informed as possible about the events in the church. Please note that this newsletter is a work-in-progress. It may take us a couple of months to work out a design that we like and to include information that didn't fit in this issue. We welcome your feedback on the design of this newsletter, especially if you can provide ideas and suggestions on how to improve it.



Governance Workshop with District Consultant David Pyle.

On Saturday, January 13, I attended a morning workshop with members of the Board of Trustees and the Governance Task Force. I know that how UUCA understands and implements its governance practice has been a source of conversation, confusion and for some, concern. Let me first reassure you that you are in good hands! I have found the Board and the Governance Team a well-informed, wise and committed group of leaders. I was impressed with the depth and breadth of their knowledge and activities. David Pyle's report provided the Board and the Governance Team with valuable insights which included some recommendations about how and why to assess UUCA's foundational documents. The team and the board are in the early stages of processing this information.

If your eyes have begun to glaze over with all this governance talk—no worries! You can have faith in the process and in your leaders. They have created many opportunities to engage the congregation in conversation and to provide feedback.

Update on the Congregational Survey. You may have noticed that the Governance Team had announced the roll-out of the Congregational Survey, to begin this month and next. After Saturday's meeting, I realized that some of my tasks as an interim, which involve surveying the congregation as part of one-on-one and small group conversations, could include many of the questions on the survey. I asked the governance team to hold off on rolling out the survey until we could work more closely together on a vision that includes both the interim task of discovering your history, interviewing various groups in the church and looking at the relationship of UUCA's

governance practice both past and current. The governance team was willing to put the survey on hold for now, until we've had a chance to meet, talk and develop a plan for congregational involvement. We'll keep you posted about these activities as dates, times and plans become more clear.

Providing Feedback

I've really been enjoying my conversations with many of you, as I get to know you better. I've already begun to hear about your joys and concerns about your church. That's great! I try to respond to all requests for conversation or email within a reasonable amount of time. At the beginning of every interim I've done, I have reminded the congregation that while I welcome critique and suggestions, what I can't respond to is anonymous feedback. The only way we build this Beloved Community we talk about is through honest and direction conversation, one person at a time.

Monthly Canvass

I've never experienced the year-round Canvass before, so I'm eager to see how well it's done here. Once again, UUCA has proven itself to be on the cutting edge of forward thinking! I'm looking forward to meeting those of you who pledged in February to hear your ideas, suggestions and thoughts about your church—and to thank you for renewing and increasing your pledge. It makes a difference in UUCA's ability to provide the kind of quality service you have come to expect from your church.

Thanks—and wear your name tags!

I have felt so warmly received here at UUCA. Thank you for your generous welcome! I appreciate those of you who remember to wear your name tags. Although I am quickly learning all of your names, it helps to see it written and attach that name with a face.

See you in church!

Rev. Kathleen

On-going Programs at UUCA



There are many ways to get involved at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis. Below is a listing of many of activities offered on a regular basis. Feel free to come check it out! You'll be warmly welcomed.

African Diaspora Identity Group

[ADIG]: A relational group of adults that meet to share experiences, perspectives, and challenges particular to individuals of African descent. Meets every second Sunday, at 12:30 PM in the Young room. Bring a light bag lunch. Newcomers welcome. Contact: LE Gomez; le_for3@yahoo.com.

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 UU-CA congregation who believe that one person can make a difference. Come check us out.

Arts in the Woods Concert Series: Presents classical, contemporary, and gospel concerts on the first Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$15, sold at the door, only. Contact: Betsy Kraning; bkraning@uuannapolis.org.

Coming to the Table: Dissolving racism with understanding through conversation. Meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Contact: Rusty Vaughan; rusty@solutionreps.com.

Fiber Arts Fellowship: Needle-crafters who meet on the second Thursday at 2:00 PM and fourth Sunday at 12:45 PM in the Young room. [Summer sessions vary] Contact: Ginger Parsons; 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.

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.

“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. Contact: Josh Long at jlong@uuannapolis.org

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.

Light House Shelter Meals: UUCA members and friends prepare and serve dinner to shelter residents on the second Saturday of the month. If you are interested in helping with meals for the Shelter, contact Rob Malone; rmalone68@gmail.com.

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.

Nifty Fifties-Plus: 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 in the Narthex. Contact Claire Morgen at cfriday@aol.com.

Outdoor Club: Holds monthly outdoor activities and outings for nature observation, companionship, spiritual sharing, and exercise. Activities as announced. Contact: Eloise Hoyt; eloisehoyt@verizon.net

Prison Ministry: The *Arthur L. Hansen Prison Ministry* - a program of AWAKE Ministries, works with inmates at the Maryland Correctional Institute in Jessup, Maryland (MCI-J). To participate in the prison ministry, we ask that you commit to teaching one course, volunteering once a week on Tuesdays 11:30am-1:30pm or Wednesdays 7-9pm, depending on which program. A background screening is required to be listed as an approved volunteer for the prison. Contact: Rev John Crestwell; jcrestwell@uuannapolis.org

Rainbow Co-op: a cooperative, Montessori-based program for young children that teaches the 7 “Rainbow Principles” of the UU faith. Meets Monday, Tuesday & Thursday mornings, 9:30-Noon. Contact: Alethea Shipllett; 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: Josh Long; jlong@uuannapolis.org.

SURJ [Showing Up for Racial Justice]: Meets on the first Saturday of the month, 3:00-5:00 PM in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to this group which promotes racial justice in the wider community. Contact: Melissa Merritt; mfaithmerritt@gmail.com

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.

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

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

UU Legislative Ministry of MD (UULM-MD): A statewide advocacy network comprised of individual members and affiliated UU congregations, providing a voice in legislative action for UU values, principles and traditions. UUCA provides leadership, resources and support to UULM-MD. Contact: 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.

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; jwlfischer@gmail.com.

What’s Coming Up?

Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Social Mixer - Friday, **February 9**, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Connect with members from 6 other faith communities; learn firsthand about causes and solutions on our county-wide social and economic issues; practice relationship building. Volunteers needed! **RSVP by February 6:** Vicki Barstow; barstowfavret1@me.com or Ellen Gaston; egaston@sbcglobal.net

Board of Trustees Meeting - Monday, **February 12**, 7:00 PM; in the Library. Board meetings are open to anyone, unless otherwise specified. **Contact:** board@uuannapolis.org.

Camp Beagle Registration - opens Sunday, **February 11**. This popular week-long, nature day camp, scheduled for July 16 - 20, encourages questioning, active exploration, adventure, and respect for the interconnectedness of the earth. For more information **Contact:** uucampbeagle@gmail.com

UUCA Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, **February 19** for the President’s Day holiday.





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