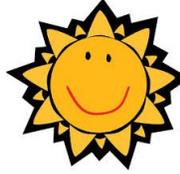


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A Welcoming Congregation

A ONCE A YEAR OPPORTUNITY-- DON'T MISS IT!

The UUCF Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, June 8, beginning at 12:30 pm. in the sanctuary. Our Fifth UU Principle includes practicing the "democratic process within our congregations." Our democracy is only effective to the extent that each of us is informed and involved in the yearly gathering of our congregation. And, there are even more reasons for coming to this year's meeting--

- First, every significant item on the agenda is important to the future of our congregation.
- We will ask you to adopt some new ways to make the meeting more efficient, while ensuring that everyone who wishes to speak will be able to do so.
- We will discuss and vote on a new five-year strategic plan to help us achieve our long-term aspirations.
- We will decide on a budget for the coming twelve months.
- For the Board of Trustees, we will elect a new President and Vice President, a Treasurer, and two trustees at large. We also will elect a new UUCF Endowment Fund Board of Trustees and a Nominating Committee for next year. Thanks to the diligent efforts of this year's Nominating Committee, we have more nominations than positions for two trustee at large positions, five members of the Endowment Fund Board, and five members for the new Nominating Committee. We need your votes to decide among these well-qualified candidates!
- We will decide whether to affiliate with the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland.

And, there will be refreshments!

If you really can't make it to the meeting, please give your proxy vote to someone who will be there. Proxy forms will be available in the office or from Nancy Hutchins, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees <nhutchins471@comcast.net>. Each person attending the meeting may vote up to two proxies. When you arrive on June 8, please register with either Phyllis Liddell or Tibby Middleton. They will give you your ballots (including for any proxies you hold) and make sure that we have a quorum as required in our Bylaws.

Thank you in advance for making our congregation a model of democracy in action!
Steve Schatken, President BOT <schatken@frontiernet.net>

See all Annual Meeting handouts and information at:

http://www.frederickuu.org/records/Annual_Meeting



Bring snacks and see Robert Reich's film at UUCF

Sunday, June 15 at 12:15 pm

Sponsored by
The Social Action Committee and AHA

The UUCF Coffeehouse

Saturday, June 7 7 to 9 pm

Share music, poetry, drama or just enjoy the performances. Sign up at the door or contact efgleaton@gmail.com



Please join us for an open mic evening full of music and poetry. If you would like to sign up, please contact Elaine Gleaton at <efgleaton@gmail.com> OR sign up at the door!

Freewill donations will be gratefully accepted. Childcare will be available with 72 hours' notice.

Without music, life would be a mistake.—
Friedrich Nietzsche

Candidate Statements — Photos posted in Atrium

Board of Trustees:

PRESIDENT: Bob Ladner, “I have been a member of UUCF since 1983 and previously served for one year as president when we were a fellowship, not yet a congregation. I was appointed to a Board vacancy this spring year when Carl Kruhm resigned due to illness and Steve Schatken became president. This has greatly helped me understand what is needed now as compared to what I learned many years ago.”

VICE-PRESIDENT: Emma Lou Comstock, “I have been part of this church for many years and am willing to help with its continued growth. I have broad experience in organizational leadership, in groups within the congregation and beyond.”

TREASURER: Janice Schlepp, “I have been UUCF treasurer several times in recent history and will continue my commitment to oversee the congregation’s resources in a professional, accurate and timely fashion.”

AT LARGE: Jan Fullerton, “I would like to make a contribution of time to UUCF. I have been a UU for over 35 years and held many leadership positions. I am devoted to UUism.”

AT LARGE: Beth Bryant, “I care deeply about Unitarian Universalism and the members of our congregation. I would be happy to make and support important decisions for the future of UUCF.”

AT LARGE: Mike Morse, “I will be a strong advocate for new initiatives in the next five years. I will support Carl’s leadership and have a strong interest in strengthening our financial stewardship.”

Nominating Committee:

Carol Gosnell, “I would like to become more involved in this community. Serving on the Nominating Committee is one way that I can offer my services.”

C. Marie Harold, “I have been a member for many years and it is time for me to serve.”

Penny McDougal, “I am interested in finding people who have not yet had an opportunity to contribute their talents to UUCF. I very much value new input and new perspectives.”

Gail Padgett, “The congregation is filled with people who have many interests and talents. I am interested in identifying members who have expressed a willingness to accept leadership roles.”

Dick Roblin, “I would like to recruit and develop new leaders.”

Bill Sydnor, “I would like to assist in recruiting members into leadership positions, to help them and the congregation grow in many ways.”

Endowment Board:

Bill Butler, “A congregation of our size, demographics and growth potential should have an active Endowment Board to promote and manage a substantial sized fund.”

Barbara Gordon, “I chaired the committee that initially drafted and set up our endowment process. I feel this fund can be a valuable asset to UUCF.”

Roy Greene, “I feel that my experience and education in business, coupled with my people skills, will be an asset to the Endowment Committee. For me, it is another way of giving back to UUCF for the benefits that I receive as one of its members.”

Susan Holt, “I look forward to prudently, judiciously, and discreetly serving as a trustee on the Endowment Board of UUCF. I believe the foregoing qualities are necessary in matters of finances, and I will honor them.”

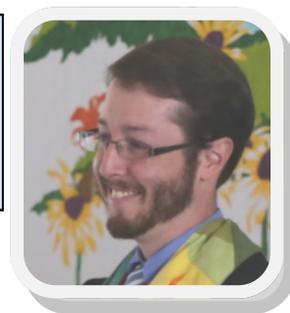
Carole Larsen, “I have been interested in the Endowment Fund since its inception, serving on its first board. I would like to see a wider knowledge of its existence and to encourage participation. I have a working knowledge of financial legacies and investments, and would like to serve the congregation in this capacity again.”

John Menke, “I was President of UUCF the year that we initiated the Endowment Board for UUCF. I want to contribute to making it active and successful.”

With this final newsletter until fall, we are entering into summer, my favorite season of the year. I'm learning to love the winter, but have always loved the heat of summer. Since this is the last newsletter for a few months, I should note that we are strongly considering a move to two Sunday services starting after Labor Day. Both our often-crowded sanctuary (with Sunday attendance reaching some weeks into the 170s) and our often over-crowded parking lot have put us at the threshold of needing a second service.

CARL'S COLUMN

Rev. Carl Gregg



In consultation with other UU congregations that have recently made this transition, the recommendation we have received from multiple sources is to experiment with service start times of 9:30 am and 11:30 am. We have heard from a number of congregations that they found this model to result most quickly in a more balanced attendance at the two services. And that fifteen minutes made a significant positive difference -- compared, for example, to 9:15 am/11:15 am. More information will be coming soon about this potential change.

A related change for our growing congregation is the need for a professional bookkeeper. In recent years, the job for our volunteer Treasurer has grown by 8-10 hours a week of bookkeeping duties above the time it takes for the more traditional Treasurer's tasks of reconciling bank accounts, reviewing pledge income, creating budgets, preparing monthly and annual statements, and advising the Board of Trustees on fiscal matters. Generally, at some point as congregations grow, the specialized task of bookkeeper is taken on by the Congregational Administrator.

In discerning a way forward, the Finance Committee and the Board asked Dottie Hall, our current Congregational Administrator, if she would be willing to move from three-quarter-time to half-time in order to accommodate hiring a bookkeeper. Dottie replied that she would be willing to make this change. You will see new office hours for the UUCF office beginning in July, and we will begin the search for a part-time bookkeeper soon. If you know of anyone who would be interested and qualified for this position, please have them contact me with a cover letter and resume.

Peace to you,

Carl

<Minister@FrederickUU.org>

Board of Trustees Notes

Retiring Board Members. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Gary Hays and appointed Dick Roblin to the position for the remainder of this year (ending June 30, 2014). The Board is most grateful to Mark Gleaton, Mike Morse and Janice Schlepp for their past two years of service and for Mike and Janice's willingness to run for a second term.

Budget. The Board spent most of the May meeting discussing finances. The Budget drafted by the Finance Committee was adopted for submission to the Congregation for a vote at our Annual Meeting. It is a balanced budget that allows for the increased costs in some areas, modest cost of living increases to staff, a slightly reduced mortgage payment, and no new initiatives at this time. Details will be explained at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting. Refreshments will be served so you can be relaxed and happy at our Annual Meeting on June 8. Proxy voting will be allowed. If you need to assign your vote, please pick up a Proxy Vote assignment at the office or get a copy from BOT Secretary Nancy Hutchins at nhutchins471@comcast.net. A member may hold no more than two proxy votes. The Agenda and relevant materials for the meeting will be available at http://www.frederickuu.org/records/Annual_Meeting. Printed materials will be mailed to those who have no published email addresses and are assumed not to have internet access. We will save some trees this way and some dollars on postage.

Annual Awards. A decision was made to make UUCF Annual Awards at a Sunday service early this summer rather than at the Annual Meeting. Nominations for awards can be accepted until June 8. Details on making awards have been made public in mid-week announcements and Sunday order of service announcements.

Painting. Sometime soon the first phase of repairing and painting of the exterior of the building will begin, according to the Facilities Management Team. The first \$15,000 has already been approved to come from the capital reserve fund. More to follow.

Submitted by Nancy Hutchins, Secretary

SUNDAYS AT UUCF

Sunday Services

Sundays at 11:00am

- June 1:** *The Sacred in Music: Music/Poetry*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg
Choir Sunday
- June 8:** *How to Love Your Enemies . . . In Buddhism, in Christianity, and in Real Life*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg
- June 15:** *Feminist Masculinity*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg
Choir Sunday
- June 22:** *A History of Religion in 5 1/2 Objects*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg
- June 29:** *Beloved UU Summer Traditions (Multigenerational)*, Lora Powell-Haney, Director of Religious Education

Friendly Forum

Sundays at 10:00-10:50am
in room 113

- June 1:** Current Events
- June 8:** Integration in our Denomination: Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed, author of several books, including *Black Pioneers in a White Denomination* (Carol Antoniewicz & Rev. Carl)
- June 15:** A Climate Adventure (Sandi Smith-Gill)
- June 22:** TBA
- June 29:** The Persistence of Slavery in Human Experience, Learning from Literature (Dick Menzer)



UUCF BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

Our UUCF Buddhist Fellowship is developing into a real sangha (community) -- a valuable support for each of us to learn about and incorporate Buddhist teachings and principles into our lives.

We will continue to meet over the summer on the second and fourth Sundays. We meet at 9:30 am for meditation and 10:00 am for a presentation or discussion. You are welcome to attend either or both parts of our program. Newcomers are always encouraged and welcome. Various members of our group will be leading the sessions. Beginning June 22, the group will be reading and discussing *True Refuge* by Tara Brach. Plans include:

- **June 8**, Michael Buck will present "Kuukai and Shingon: Esoteric Buddhism from Tibet to Japan".
- **June 22**, Nancy Pace will lead the meditation and discussion of Chapter 1 of *True Refuge*.

For July and August discussions of *True Refuge* will continue under the leadership of volunteers from our group.

Please see UUCF Mid-Week Announcements for specifics over the summer. If you would like to be added to our email list, contact <Buddhist@frederickuu.org>.



EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY

We will continue our Earth Centered Spirituality Services through the summer months. Join us at 10am in the Chapel on the 3rd Sunday of each month to honor our 7th principle.

Summer Solstice Celebration

Come join us to honor the Summer Solstice on Saturday June 21st. We will gather in the chapel at 7:30pm. Plan to bring drums and rattles, and snacks for feasting after the ritual. All are welcome. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Freewill donations gratefully accepted.

Lammas

Our Lammas rite is tentatively scheduled for Friday August 1st. Come celebrate the first harvest in the Chapel starting at 7:30pm. Plan to bring drums and rattles, and snacks for feasting after the ritual. All are welcome. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Freewill donations gratefully accepted.



SERVETUS SOCIETY: UU CHRISTIANS

The Servetus Society, a chapter of Unitarian Universalist Christians, meets the first Sunday of each month from October to June at 10 am in the Chapel.

June 1: a celebration of Pentecost, led by Rev. Carl Gregg. Communion is served; all are welcome.

We will resume at 10 am Sunday September 7. "The kingdom of God is here now – Ah, yes, but ..." led by Sea Raven, D.Min.



ATHEISTS, HUMANISTS, AGNOSTICS

AHA meets at 12:15 pm on the following dates:

June 1: Current Events, Planning

June 15: *Inequality for All*, a film featuring Robert Reich. AHA is co-sponsoring this viewing with the Social Action Committee. Munchies to share would be welcome.

June 22: Celebration of Life for Ray Murray. Please bring refreshments which we will share before joining in the Sanctuary for a celebration of Ray's life.



RE World

LORA POWELL-
HANEY
Director of Religious
Education
education@frederickuu.org

June Events in Religious Education

June 1: Following this week's worship service, meet with Rev. Carl and Lora to review the year in religious education and look forward to the summer and next year. Parents, RE volunteers, and anyone interested in the RE program at UUCF are encouraged to attend.

June 7-8: Road Rally for current UUCF middle-schoolers and high-schoolers! Contact Lora Powell-Haney for more information.

June 8: During the Annual Congregational Meeting, we'll offer our Tie-Dye Day! Bring something from home to dye or use something from the RE closet! Suggested donations of \$5 per family will help cover materials costs, but no one will be turned away! Oh, and there will be watermelon (not to be used for dyeing).

Summer 2014 Religious Education

Our summer 2014 RE program features stories from Eastern Woodlands peoples as well as traditional crafts, spiritual practices and drumming circles. We'll explore the connections between traditional stories and modern-day life for peoples native to this continent, as part of the exploration of our own UU principles and sources. We'll provide resources on modern life in the Nations for at-home exploration.

In addition to the stories and activities below, watch the weekly announcements and RE Facebook page for a family evening of stargazing, and a possible field trip to the National Museum of the American Indian in DC.

Having three age-grouped classes, plus YRUU (high school), would greatly strengthen this summer program. Won't you consider volunteering with a buddy once or twice this summer? Lessons are planned and provided, materials are at the ready!

June

15: Opening Ceremony

22: "The Coming of Gluscabí"

29: Multigenerational worship service, sanctuary

July

6: Drumming Circle

13: "How Fisher Went to the Skyland"

20: "Spring Defeats Winter"

27: "How the Two Brothers Followed the Hoop"

August

3: Drumming Circle

10: "Manabozho and the Maple Trees"

ADULT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

The Adult Spiritual Enrichment committee wishes to thank all those who graciously shared their knowledge and talents in the 2013-2014 fiscal year. No fewer than 22 different individual or series of classes, meditations, retreats, and workshops were offered during this time period.

Along with the yoga class led by Irene Jericho on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. in the chapel, which will resume June 12, two additional classes will be offered in the summer months. "What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been: UU History," led by Rev. Carl Gregg, will continue on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 pm. through June 17. Beginning July 8 and running through August 12, Rev. Carl will then be leading "Comparing Religions: Coming to Terms" on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm. Much more than another survey of beliefs and practices in the world religions, this class will consider the history, nuances, promises, and costs of different comparative practices and the potential importance for Unitarian Universalism in our contemporary world. To register for either of these classes, go to www.frederickuu.org/ase/register.php.

More interesting and exciting events will kick off this fall, including another class taught by Rev. Carl entitled "Building Your Own Ethics" on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm., which will run September 30 through November 4. Registration for this new class will begin in late July. Also, "Evolutionary Evangelists" Rev. Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow will be visiting UUCF on Thursday, October 23, from 7:00-8:30 pm. to present "The Future is Calling Us to Greatness." More information about this exciting event can be found on our Web site at www.frederickuu.org/ase/register.php.

Childcare can usually be provided for all classes with 72-hour notice to education@frederickuu.org. The suggested donation, requested but not required, is \$5/session unless otherwise noted.

If you are interested in offering a class in the upcoming year, please see [www.frederickuu.org/about/How to Propose Future Courses](http://www.frederickuu.org/about/How%20to%20Propose%20Future%20Courses) or request information from the committee at enrichment@frederickuu.org.



UUCF welcomed 7 new members at our service on Sunday, May 25th. They recently completed the introductory course, UUCF 101: Pathways to Membership, and are ready to take their places among us as full members. When you see these folks, please welcome them.



Allison Hazen, Mindy Andros



Dave and Margaret Schear



Megan Candaffio, Yoli Zamorsa, Russel Rogers

Gladchuck's to Welcome CGs



It's time for the Chronologically Gifted and friends to get together. The next scheduled gathering will be a luncheon at Gladchuck's Restaurant on West Patrick Street. We will meet on **June 20th @1pm** and an open menu will be available for you to order from.

Please notify me via email or phone if you wish to have reservations.

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Sue Thomson
infornt@gmail.com
240-818-8899

RUUMEO

Contrary to rumor, **Retired UU Men Eating Out** will continue to do so at Mimi's (5120 Buckeystown Pike) at 8 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Qualification credentials are not closely examined, so if you think you might be a RUUMEO, and if you like to participate in completely unstructured events involving food, just follow one of the few "Customs" — (RUUMEO doesn't have "Rules"): Show-up!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting

When: June 8, following Sunday Service

Where: The Sanctuary

Why: The "Why?" of the annual meeting is this — we govern ourselves. That said, once a year we get together to do the congregation's business. The "we" is us, you and me. All of us who are voting members should be there — we are democratic and we need a quorum of members to do business. Proxy votes may be used.

What: Below are some of the items and events that occur at this meeting, where we govern ourselves, and see the results of our opinions collected throughout the year, and get to speak up when we feel called to do so on issues we feel important and may have been missed.

- Approve the 2013-2014 Budget
- Elect new members for the Board of Trustees, the Endowment Board, and the Nominating Committee
- Approve By-Laws changes
- Vote to Affiliate with UULM-MD

See you there.



Circle of Life Pre-school will Save the Cob House!

We are excited to announce that Sue Singley is taking a class in Cob house engineering!! The Common Market is holding a course to train people on exactly the right kind of mud-pies we need to make to keep our Cob house maintained and safe and flourishing! This June she will be hosting a play date at the church so new and old members can come and help and get to know one another and fix the Cob house, this time for good!

If you are interested in helping, please contact mari.grider@gmail.com or earth-chick9@gmail.com and we will let you know when we set a day and time.

Once again, Circle of Life would like to extend the warmest "Thank-You" possible for all of your support, encouragement and spirit. This is the best place on Earth to have a preschool.

Have a fantastic summer and we will see you in the Fall for our **10th year!!**

~Mari Grider

Book Club

Our UUCF Book Club meets the 4th Friday of each month at a member's or friend's home to discuss a book of mutual interest. To find out what the month's book is and where the discussion will be held, contact Fanny Johnsson at fjohnsson@comcast.net or 301-694-5474. Also, you can check the mid-week announcements for more information as it becomes available.

FISCAL NOTES as of April 30, 2014

General Operating Fund	Month of April 2014	Fiscal Year To Date July, through April 30 , 2014	% of Annual Budget – 83% through the year
Contributions:	\$17,074.00	\$263,748.84	89%
All Other Income:	\$ 2,684.61	\$ 66,661.73	63%
Total Income:	\$19,758.61	\$330,410.57	82%
Employee/Staff Expense:	\$14,475.38	\$157,283.45	85%
Facilities Expense:	\$13,310.54	\$139,660.14	84%
All other Expenses:	\$ 1,018.27	\$ 32,820.89	63%
Total Expenses	\$28,804.19	\$329,764.48	82%
Difference (Net):	(\$9,045.58)	\$ 646.09	

Did you know?

As of April 30, 2014, we were 83% of the way through our fiscal year, and at that point we had taken in \$646.09 more than we spent for the year. We continued to dip into our positive Income flow in April by \$9,045.58. Our available cash in the General (Operating) Fund is \$71,338.54.

Did you know that the coffee you drink on Sunday mornings is almost completely paid for by sales of fair trade coffee, tea, honey and chocolate being sold in the Atrium every week? The contributions people make in the “donations container” next to the coffee go towards purchase of condiments.

The finance committee and the BOT have been very busy working on the budget for the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1, 2014. The budget will be available for you to look at on the UUCF website by May 28th and will be presented for a congregational vote on Sunday, June 8th. Please look at it ahead of time, if you are able, and plan to attend the meeting. It is always a fun time! This year we may even have some food!

Janice Schlepp, Treasurer



Would you like to be notified whenever the Garden Club plans a workday? When your schedule, the weather, and our plans magically gel, you won't miss a chance for fun and accomplishment. No gardening experience necessary. Come once a year, or often, to enjoy nature and sunshine with us as we maintain our beautiful grounds. Email me to add your name to our Garden Club list! (Nancy Pace - njcpace@icloud.com)

The May 17th Garden Club morning work event was so much fun. A lot of necessary work was accomplished by willing serfs Carol Topchick, Nancy Hutchins, Nancy Lohrey, Joanne O'Keefe, Beth Bryant, Nick Roehl, Dick Menzer, Stan Schlepp, Herb Wolf, Russel Rogers, and Nancy Pace. Thank you everyone for tending together our little shared piece of heaven.

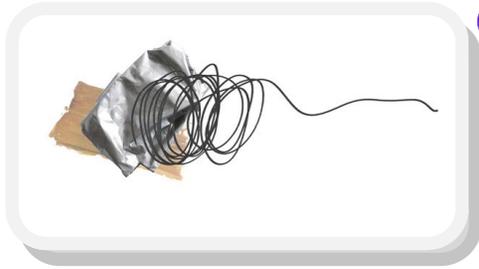
News

The Thursday morning Chalice group greeted us as well as the Elmer Derr clean-up crew with hot coffee, juice, donuts, bagels, cream cheese, homemade blueberry bread and sausage biscuits. Thank you Diane Shuey, Sherry Adams, Mike Kass, Lynn Wolfe, Bill Butler and Nancy Pace. You made everyone's day!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY	PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION	JUNE 25-29, 2014

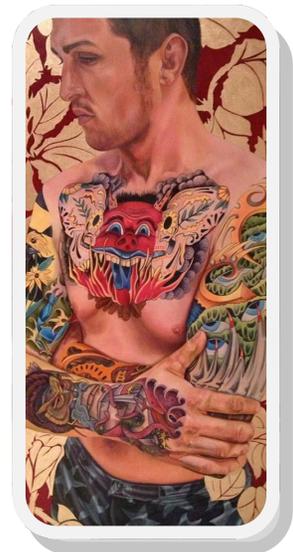
For the thrill of being a part of the great gathering of UUs, go to <http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual/30754.shtml> during the assembly and watch the speeches, hear the debates, listen to the music, comment on-line if you want, and experience GA real time or on your time. You may even catch a glimpse of one of our members in the audience or speaking during a plenary. It's an exhilarating experience.

Gallery to Feature Award Winning Artists In June



Ephemera by John Wise

The Blanche Ames Gallery Exhibit for June will feature the November 2013 Juried Show First and Second Place award winning artists; John Poindexter and John Wise, respectively. This unique and dynamic show will run from June 1st to June 29th. Both are natives of Frederick and are very accomplished artists with works in galleries, private collections and at various exhibits.



From the "Tattoo Series" by Wendell Poindexter

The artists will speak about their art, followed by a reception for the congregation, friends, and the public on Sunday, June 1st from 12:30-2:00 pm. Please call 301-473-7680 for other gallery hours.

JOHN WISE: In a series of recent archival digital prints this veteran artist explores the traditional collage format presented in a contemporary medium. These abstract archival prints are built from a mixture of scans, graphic elements, paint, photographs, and whimsy, with an intuitive, instinctive driving force. Filtered through his personal creative aesthetic and using ordinary visual found objects, John explores his environment with an awareness of modern art history. Influenced by Dada, Surrealism, Pop Art and the many styles of modern non-objective art, he has built a world of visual juxtaposition, surprise, and playfulness, integrated into work that also attempts to be visually elegant, yet personal.

WENDELL POINDEXTER: In discussions of his works, Wendell states that he generally never knows what to say about his art, since it is not created to make a political or social statement. He simply paints or draws images he enjoys. When creating an image, he tries to do more than a straight portrait. He likes creating characters that may have a hint of the surreal. Matter of fact, when most individuals model for him, he explains, they are posing as a character from a narrative, an imaginary theme, idea or in some cases depicting a human condition. His inspiration stems from the written word, perhaps lyrics or even an intriguing conversation.



Notice to all UUCF members and friends: It won't be long until July! That's when we hold the Blanche Ames Gallery's annual exhibit of art by you! The opening reception will be July 6; the show will be in the Gallery through mid-August.

The theme of this year's show is "Got art?" We will feature new works, so let us see what you've done in the last twelve months. Any media acceptable, two pieces per member. One of your pieces must be for sale. Look for a folder in the Gallery that contains information sheets and entry/registration forms. You may register as well by email by sending all the relevant information to gallery@frederickuu.org.

Art for the exhibit will be delivered to UUCF on the last Sunday of June, or on the evening of July 2nd. Your works must be framed and wired to hang on the gallery walls (or have a back support that will work with our hanging system.) Sorry, we cannot display free-standing works.

The Gallery will also hold a one-day-only craft display at the July 6th exhibit opening. See folder for information. Note that due to space limitations we may not be able to accommodate all craft entries, so please register early to get a spot.

Meg Menke, Gallery Manager



Social Action Committee



JUSTice + ACTION = JustAct

<http://uusocialjustice.org>

Social Action Committee Work during 2013-14

The Social Action Committee had a full year of activities that will be reported in materials available at the annual meeting or you can see a graphic at uusocialjustice.org/news, post of May 20.

SAC liaisons work for specific organizations and projects and deserve our thanks: Nancy Hutchins (Alternatives to Violence Program & UULM-MD), Joanne Spivey (Food Bank), Ben Gaffigan (UU UNO), Susan T. Holt (Mental Health Resources), Irene Jericho (Publicity), Lora Powell-Haney (Religious Education), Dorothea Mordan (Web/Graphic Designer), Laura Cornwell (LGBT), Irene Zmitrovis (Frederick Immigration Coalition)

Many thanks are due the SAC planning committee that meets monthly and whose members also serve as liaisons: Connie Baker, Bill Butler, Monica Greene, Cynthia Kuske, Phyllis Liddell, Jakki Macfadyen, Nancy Pace, and especially Rev. Carl Gregg for his active participation.

Mary Bowman-Kruhm, Chairperson

How "SPLIT PLATE" Recipients Are Selected

The Social Action Committee (SAC) is reviewing and vetting the organizations that UUCF members and friends nominated to receive "split plate offerings" during the coming year. This includes careful review of each organization and its functions to assure congruence with UU principles, need for the services provided, and sound administration and use of funds. In the case of national and regional organizations, vetting includes a check of Charity Navigator or Better Business Bureau ratings. Local organizations are contacted and officers interviewed by phone or in person and, in the case of a group's repeat as a split-plate recipient, to assure that there have been no changes that would jeopardize continued contributing.

A list of the upcoming organizations selected will be reported to the congregation in the first *Unison* of 2014-15 and on the <http://uusocialjustice.org/> blog where you'll also find the split-plate amounts about a week after they are received.

Bill Butler

[SAC Note: Even if a recipient has been selected previously, we check to assure changes (e.g., staff or organizational goals) have not occurred that would make us uneasy recommending the group again.]

The Religious Coalition Family Shelter

The Religious Coalition's Family Shelter is still in the process of locating the magic number of 13 for Host Congregations. The issue of the site where families will stay during the day is being addressed. This will dictate the opening date of the shelter. We are pooling resources for materials, transportation, and volunteers. We have begun to schedule confirmed host sites' time of commitment.

Rev. Carl attended a planning meeting on May 20 on behalf of the congregation. We are waiting to hear about the possibility of a permanent location for the shelter. Rev. Carl will be in dialogue as well with the Religious Coalition about the possibility of UUCF agreeing to provide volunteers for one week per quarter, but instead of hosting the shelter at UUCF, perhaps UUCF volunteers would host at the site of one of the downtown congregations, which would make for easier transport and help extend the number of weeks that the families would remain in one place.





Social Action Committee



SPLIT PLATE JUNE 15 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

<http://www.uusc.org/>

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE

The UU Service Committee (UUSC) is the arm of the UUA that works to advance human rights and social justice.

The Stewardship Circle [many of the most generous supporters of UUSC] met recently to review current UUSC accomplishments and discuss plans for future actions. Criteria for selection of projects are:

- population and/or circumstances that governments and large aid agencies have overlooked or discounted;
- there are individuals or groups within the affected population with whom to partner;
- UUSC has resources to provide direct support to the population and/or project;
- as appropriate, we can connect local partners with larger agencies and organizations, and can provide UUSC activists and volunteers to participate in the project.

Water Justice is an on-going area of UUSC concern. As a recent example of UUSC's successes, in a major action UUSC took on Goldcorp, the world's second largest gold mining operation. A Goldcorp's operation in Guatemala had polluted the springs, wells, and streams from which the people of 18 Mayan villages got all of their water.

In partnership with the villagers, geologists, and attorneys, UUSC spearheaded shareholder pressure, escalated the matter to the Guatemalan government level, and successfully negotiated agreement to construct 13 water reclamation projects, restoring clean water to the villagers.

Bill Butler

*Wherever there is
a need, there we
will go.*

Mercy Killers
the one-man play
by Michael Milligan

Audience Testimonial

A free award-winning play will be presented in June, hosted by the local chapter of **Healthcare is a Human Right! -- Maryland.**

Michael Milligan wrote one man's tragic story after hearing of people suffering financial disaster on top of chronic illness.

His moving play, *Mercy Killers*, will be presented at All Saints Episcopal Church, 106 Church St., Frederick, on **June 27, 7:30 pm.**

Monica Greene, SAC and UU-UNO Affiliate for UUCF

"It's an emotionally compelling rollercoaster of a ride, thoroughly convincing in its evocation of Joe, a good-old boy auto-mechanic from small-town southeastern Ohio who has pretty much always played by the rules, never asked for hand-outs, prided himself on his independence and, as his buying into the auto-shop makes clear, has been fueled all along by his determination to make something of himself for the great love of his life, his wife Jane. Until, that is, Jane is diagnosed with cancer and everything starts to unravel. The human cost of this devastating development is wrenching as Michael Milligan explores Joe's feelings of guilt for having somehow not done enough to prevent things unfolding as they did, but the dramatic momentum of the monologue derives from its ringing indictment of the American healthcare system, which bankrupts the couple."

ANDY SPENCER, EDITOR, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BRECHT SOCIETY



Social Action Committee



Membership To Vote on Affiliation June 8

Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD)

Our Unitarian Universalist Association is finding success in influencing justice issues through putting official offices in individual states so that state issues can be addressed swiftly and effectively. We saw the results of this initiative in Maryland with legalization of same-sex marriage, the dream act, elimination of the death penalty, and transgender rights.

Our congregation is poised to vote to affiliate formally with UULM-MD so that we can show our support and be involved with future actions that matter in Maryland. Perhaps our surrounding states will follow as UUA expands the Legislative Ministry program.

UULM-MD officers hold regular conference calls with social action reps in affiliate churches. During a May 23rd call, we discussed ongoing and new issues of concern to our congregations.

Ongoing: Equality Maryland is ready to respond to a referendum on anti-discrimination of transgender folks, if it happens, and UULM-MD will work with them. [See <http://tinyurl.com/m84hmyo> for details from Equality Maryland.] They ask people to sign their [Stand for Fairness](#) statement.

New: Each congregation on the call listed their items of legislative interest. We will have additional opportunity for input. Please e-mail SAC@frederickuu.org if you have an item you feel UULM-MD should consider a priority to support/refute as a bill moves forward in the MD legislative.

The group raised cheers with the news that UUCF will vote to affiliate with UULM-MD at our June 8th annual meeting. Although [UULM-MD membership](#) is individual (\$25/year), a congregation can indicate general support of the group through affiliation. More info. with annual meeting agenda. UULM-MD has worked hard to get legislation that we strongly support passed (e.g., marriage equality).

Please attend the annual meeting and vote to affiliate!

Ice Cream Social a Family Event

Read all about it and see all the pictures at uusocialjustice.org/news



The entire building and grounds became the backdrop for the May Ice Cream Social, where information, games, face painting, food, fair trade items and more made for a fun family occasion.



Displays and information drew viewers.

Cynthia Kuske chaired the event, with the help of all Social Action Committee members, two Chalice groups, and lots of UUs commandeered into service. It was a big affair and thankfully the weather cooperated.

Able and Willing brought a “car” that proved fun to drive. Elise Benson was one of many who took it for a spin.



Families enjoyed the time outside.



Happy Birthday to our Summer Celebrants.
May you enjoy your special day.

Happy Trails to our *Unison* readers.
May you enjoy your special summer.

And may we meet again on the *Unison* pages in September.

June Birthdays

1st – Christopher Carrigan, Lila Rudisill; 2nd – Andy Celmer; 5th – Mike Schlepp; 8th – Charles Haney; 10th – Colleen McDougal; 11th – Kelly Brooks; 12th – Ethan Powell, Susan Singley; 20th – Bill Greene; 17th – JP Gaffigan; 21th – Eva Moore, Sara Rippeon; 22nd – John Ditman; 24th – Robin Dugan; and 25th – Carol Antoniewicz.

July Birthdays

8th – Keegan Simmons; 12th – Katrina Scobie-Saedlo, Connor Stalzer; 13th – Scott Norris; 15th – Christine Larsen; 19th – JT Bergman; 22th – Janet Ady; 23rd – Cosette Blackmer, Melinda Vajaria; 24th – Tara Scibelli; 25th – Janet Menzer, Devin Shamieh; 26th – Joshua Scibelli; 28th – Jack Vlahos, Jesse Vlahos, Griffin Withers; 29th – Mary Bowman Kruhm, Kiley Mead, Glen Sargent; 30th – Elaine Gleaton; and 31st – Tabitha Cosham.

August Birthdays

1st – Diane Askounes; 3rd – P.K. Hadfield; 6th – Tommy Grace; 9th – Sharon DiMaria, Neil Sweeney-Haney; 10th – Piers Ady; 11th – Lincoln Robisch, William Singley; 12th – Mary Fletcher; 13th – Rebecca Galdamez; 14th – Bobbi Mead; 16th – Margaret Hays; 17th – Emily Bertram; 19th – Marge Fortman; 22th – Mark Butler; 23rd – Rachel Askounes; 25th – Melody Askounes; 26th – Marie Harold; 27th – John Thomson; 28th – Bill Laughlin; and 29th – Sea Raven.

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