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A Welcoming Congregation

Pioneers



MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

JOIN OUR MORTGAGE REDUCTION EFFORT

- **BE A MRF PIONEER. LEAD THE WAY.**
- We want to reduce our mortgage by \$100,000 before the contract renewal process begins in January.
- All contributions will be used to pay down the mortgage.
- We will free up funds for our programs and operations.



BE A MORTGAGE REDUCTION PIONEER. LEAD THE WAY!

(For all the remarkable details, see p. 4)



WE CAN GET THERE!

Something to Be Thankful For: The Family Emergency Shelter

Will you celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year with family and friends? Are you wondering how you can fit a 25 pound turkey into your oven or how you can fit 20 people around a table built for 10? Count your blessings! During this happy, hectic time, I hope you have the time and energy to provide a blessing to some other Frederick families – the families who are living at the Family Homeless Shelter of the Religious Coalition.

Our next opportunity for service is November 14 thru 27, which includes Thanksgiving Day. Please schedule a few hours volunteering at the shelter. During that two

weeks, there are 14 opportunities to provide the evening meal. Could you and 3 or 4 friends prepare a meal for the families? There are usually about 3-5 adults and their children, about 3 staff, and the meal-making volunteers. Exact numbers and ages, as well as tips on popular past meals, will be available at least a week in advance.

The *Frederick News-Post* ran an article about one family helped by this program Wednesday, September 20, 2015, “Religious Coalition gives a lifeline to those in need.”

http://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/lifestyle/religion/religious-coalition-gives-a-lifeline-to-those-in-need/article_6d43b663-d85d-54e7-af14-6932fc1fef84.html

If you need training to volunteer at the shelter (this only takes about an hour) or would like more information on how the program works, please contact Patricia Croin 301-865-4442.

Dear UUCF Members and Friends,

As the weather turns colder, we continue to have many wonderful activities and events at UUCF. I'm writing this column before our annual Auction, but the preparations for the Auction have been in the works since late summer. Many thanks especially to Nancy Lohrey for generously volunteering her time and energy as this year's Auction chair as well as to Rick Holt for his expertise and many hours spent designing new Auction software! The Silent Auction is also back thanks to Scott Norris's enthusiasm. From all the chefs to the musicians, to all the generous donors and bidders, it takes a village to make our Auctions a success.

**CARL'S
COLUMN**
Rev. Carl Gregg



In other news, if you haven't met Rick Anderson, our new Facilities Manager, I encourage you to introduce yourself to him. Rick has hit the ground running, and is quickly making himself invaluable. He's already helped lead one major project in re-sealing and repainting our parking lot, which looks much improved. Thank you, Rick -- and welcome! We're also incredibly fortunate that Stan Schlepp continues to volunteer his time both to train Rick about our building and grounds as well as to volunteer himself.

You'll also be hearing more soon about the Mortgage Reduction Fund (MRF), led by John and Meg Menke. Unlike a home loan, the mortgage on our building is a commercial loan that must be renegotiated every five years. Our next renewal is due in early 2016. Our original plan had been to renegotiate at "year-five" for a 25-year loan and at "year-ten" for a 20-year loan — such that we might be on track to renegotiate in 2016 ("year-fifteen") for a 15-year loan. For a confluence of reasons, when our first two renewals came due, we made the decision both times financially as a congregation to renegotiate for a 30-year loan.

The good news is that we are in a much healthier situation as a congregation than we have been in a long time. And the MRF is seeking one-time special donations to help pay down the principal of our loan. These donations will allow us to pay down our mortgage faster — thereby freeing up funds for furthering our mission and ministries. Gifts to the MRF would be special one-time gifts in addition to any regular pledges that sustain our Operating Fund year-to-year. If you feel led to support the Mortgage Reduction Fund, I encourage you to contact either me (minister@FrederickUU.org) or the Menkes (meg@menkesscientific.com or john@menkesscientific.com).

Many thanks to everyone who help make possible all that we do at UUCF. I'm grateful to be on this journey with you.

Carl
<minister@frederickuu.org>

Adult Spiritual Enrichment

Adult Spiritual Enrichment Class
"Advent in the Year of Luke"
Presented by Sea Raven, D.Min.
Three Tuesdays in December : 1, 8, and 15, 2015
7-8:30 pm

Luke is probably the most beloved Christmas story-teller, but what was he really up to? And when? And does it matter? We'll look at liberal Christian scholarship, new translations, and see if the story still speaks to us today.

Session 1: John the Baptist – The voice crying in the wilderness. But for what? Violence or Non-Violence? Justice or Revenge?

Session 2: Mary the Mother of God? Really?

Session 3: Where is the New Jerusalem? Maybe it's time for a Different Bethlehem.

Recommended texts: Portions from the Gospel of Luke, from *The Complete Gospels*, Polebridge Press, 2010; *The Five Gospels*, Polebridge Press, 1995 – Handouts Supplied by Sea Raven

Childcare will be provided

Sea Raven is Lay Minister for Worship at UUCF, and has led several explorations of New Testament scholarship in the past. She holds a Doctor of Ministry in Creation Spirituality; and is author of the three-volume series *Theology from Exile* (<http://tinyurl.com/l8zxf9>)
For questions please call Sea Raven at 304-433-5949; or email searaven.morse@gmail.com

Register in one of the following ways: Call the church office at 301-473-7680; sign up in the notebook at the Religious Education cabinet in the atrium; or register online at <http://www.frederickuu.org/ase/>.

SUNDAYS AT UUCF

Sunday Services

9:30 and 11:30am

Nov. 1: *The Jefferson Rule, Liberal Religions, and Elections*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

Nov. 8: *Dharma Talk from a Buddhist Monk*, Bhante Sujatha

Nov. 15: *Practical Ethics*, the Rev. Carl Gregg

Nov. 22: *The Buddha Walks into the Office*, the Rev. Carl Gregg

Nov. 29: *Our Liberal Religious Witness*, Bob Clegg

Friendly Forum, in room 113
10:30am

Each Sunday the Friendly Forum meets for 50 minutes to discuss Congregational and/or Current Events.

Weekly topics are listed in the Mid-week Announcements.

Our tradition of discussion is long-lived and much loved. Join in!



UU PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

UU Progressive Christian Fellowship
First Sundays throughout the Year

UU Progressive Christians are followers, not worshipers, of Jesus; we explore in worship the meaning of a Cosmic Christ that embodies the UU principles and respects the fourth source of Unitarian Universalism.

Join us Sunday, November 1 from 10:30 to 11:15 am in the Chapel for the Feast of All Saints.

Communion will be served. All are welcome.

~~Sea Raven, D. Min.



EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY WITH FREDERICK CUUPS

Our Earth-centered Spirituality Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30am in the Chapel.

This time together provides an opportunity to focus on the Sixth Source of Unitarian Universalism: "Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

For more information, please contact Irene Glasse irene.jericho@gmail.com or Charles Haney chazhaney@yahoo.com.



UUCF BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

Our UUCF Buddhist Fellowship meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We meet at 10am for meditation, followed by discussion/sharing from 10:35 - 11:20 am.

On Sunday, November 8, Bhante Sujatha, who is in the pulpit for services that day, will also join the Buddhist Fellowship in the chapel from 10:35 - 11:15, after our meditation at 10am. We will have an opportunity to talk with Bhante and ask questions. We look forward to having time with Bhante again.

On Sunday, November 22, Wendy Duke will facilitate and we will return to our sharing and discussion of *Buddhism without Beliefs* by Stephen Batchelor, most likely with a focus on the 9th and 10th chapters.

~~Nancy Hutchins

buddhist@frederickuu.org



ATHEISTS, HUMANISTS, AGNOSTICS

November 1 at 12:45: Nancy Pace shares details about the new discussion group, "Religious Refugees and Runaways." You might want to come!

November, 15 at 12:45pm: Current Events.

Phyllis Liddell at phyllis.elaine@comcast.net.

LET'S PAY DOWN OUR MORTGAGE! NOW!!!!

Take a few minutes to read about what we have in mind to get out from under our high monthly interest payments. There are four major areas covered below, along with a contact person who will get into any details you wonder about or answer any remaining questions you have. These areas are *How we got our building — a short history, our mortgage, the Mortgage Reduction Fund (MRF) and how YOU can join the Pioneers!*

How we got our Building

Back in the late 90s, our own UUCF had just started holding services in Rosenstock Hall at Hood College because the Motter Avenue house could not hold everyone. Then, as attendance continued to build, the congregation decided to embark on a new adventure--building a dedicated church building. The result is the beautiful building we now use which was dedicated in 2003.

But this did not happen by accident. It took a lot of work, and a lot of money: \$1.8 million worth! Pioneer members of UUCF donated \$450,000 while Frederick County Bank loaned us the rest (about \$1.3 million). The mortgage was not your typical 30 year homeowner's loan: ours is a "commercial" loan that must be renewed every five years. The initial principle and interest payments were calculated on a 30 year basis, with the intent that at each renewal, we would reduce the payment period by five years (otherwise the mortgage literally would never be paid off). Ironically, because of past fiscal problems, we have continued to renew the mortgage at a 30 year payment rate, with the result that we are falling farther and farther behind in our intended payment rate.



Our Mortgage

At this point, we are headed for another renewal in a few months. And what is our mortgage situation? Our mortgage at this time is still over \$900,000 with payments calculated on a 30 year basis (vs. what should be a 20 year basis). Only about 1/3 of what we have paid off was through the monthly mortgage payments, the other 2/3 was by member contributions including the Mortgage Reduction Fund campaign run at the time of the first renewal in 2007.

We all know from our own housing experiences that mortgage payments "eat" a big fraction of our personal budgets--that is, they are always in competition with our other ongoing values. It's the same for our congregation: the longer we drag out the full purchase for the church we use every day, the fewer dollars we have for our programs and services (and the more interest money the Bank makes!).

The Mortgage Reduction Fund

What should we do now, as we prepare for the next mortgage renewal?

We have TWO big opportunities:

(1) to Get Back on Track with our mortgage schedule. That is, renegotiate the mortgage using a shorter payment schedule. According to the original plan, this should be a 15 year schedule. This would, of course, increase our mortgage payments to some degree, but we would OWN OUR BUILDING by 2030 at the latest!

(2) to Pay Down the Mortgage. Yes, queue up the Mortgage Reduction Fund, or MRF (pronounced as in Smurf). Contributions to the MRF will be used directly to pay down the mortgage. For every dollar, we get double benefit: we reduce the interest payments that we otherwise would make, PLUS we can ultimately reduce the duration of the mortgage!

How YOU can join the Pioneers

So, here is the opportunity for you to join the UUCF pioneers who made our building possible--you, too, can help build our community through a unique major investment in our ownership. We are especially inviting our newer members, who were not a part of the original pioneers, to consider a major donation to MRF. But we also hope that older members will reaffirm their own commitment to the community by a new or repeated donation.

Remember, EVERY dollar donated to MRF pays down the mortgage!

So you might ask, what is the MRF goal? We can make a big dent in our \$900K mortgage if we pay off at least \$100,000. And we should be able to do that (or more): after all, we did raise \$110K in our 2007 MRF campaign. We now have more members, a settled minister, and a more robust congregation compared to 2005: is a goal of \$100K too timid?

When is MRF? It starts NOW, and our active campaign runs through the first week in December. Of course, to make the principle payment and to plan the mortgage renewal terms, we will need the cash in hand by the end of the year or early January.

So join your fellow members in "owning" a piece of our church: Become a MRFer,

For details, or questions about MRF, call or email John Menke, Chair of the MRF committee, or go to the MRF page <http://frederickuu.org/MRF> on the UUCF website.

How do you make a contribution? If a check, write MRF on the memo line and put the check in a Sunday collection or hand the check to Janice Schlepp, Treasurer. If a fund or account transfer, ask Janice for details. If a stock or bond, it is usually to your advantage to transfer it to UUCF, rather than convert to cash and then contribute it -- again, talk to Janice for details.

And watch for more details coming. And if you'd like to help in our MRF campaign, be sure and call John!

FISCAL NOTES as of September 30, 2015

General Operating Fund	Month of September	Fiscal Year To Date July through September 2015	% of Annual Budget – 25 % through the year
Contributions:	\$16,166.71	\$145,069.73	38%
All Other Income:	\$ 6,386.70	\$ 13,608.03	16%
Total Income:	\$22,553.41	\$158,677.76	34%
Employee/Staff Expense:	\$17,650.65	\$ 48,640.06	21%
Facilities Expense:	\$12,407.06	\$ 47,044.50	27%
All other Expenses:	\$ 3,362.30	\$ 8,727.51	13%
Total Expenses	\$33,420.01	\$104,412.07	15%
Difference(Net):	(\$10,866.60)	\$ 54,265.69	

Did you know?

For the month of September, we spent \$10,866.60 more than we took in, but we are still ahead for the year by \$54,265.69. Our available cash in the General (Operating) Fund is **\$132,463.52** as of September 30, 2015, less the \$60,000 reserve leaves us \$72,463.52.

So who cares about all that, what you are really waiting for is “How much did the auction bring in????” Well, we had another best ever auction! At this time, the grand total, before expenses, drum roll, please is ... \$29,630.50!!!! Tickets brought in \$2,020.00, the Silent Auction \$2,261.50 and the Live Auction \$25,630.50! Yippee!!

Thank you so much to Nancy Lohrey who put her heart and soul into the planning and execution of the entire night, Scott Norris and Karen Russell who managed the smoothest Silent Auction ever, Rick Holt who wrote our new very successful software package and Susan Holt for putting up with months of coding, testing, emails flying back and forth, phone calls and whatever else was going on in the Holt household during the development cycle! There were many, many others who were involved and it couldn't have happened without every one of you!

We are doing a review of the auction process, as we do every year, so if you have any constructive input on how to improve it for next year, please email me at treasurer@frederickuu.org.

And that is that, I need to get this to our editors because I am very late this month. 'Til next month.

~~Janice



The **Mardi Gras Auction** was a stellar event, brilliantly organized, very well attended, filled with delicious food and attractive items to bid on, colorful characters, good music and best of all, was highly successful financially for UUCF, as reported above by Janice Schlepp, our wonderful treasurer who was supervising all the computers and bookkeeping needs for the evening.

Below are some candid shots by Tibby Middleton and Meg Menke to give you a flavor of what we saw that night. Who are some of these people?? We will identify the event organizers.



Silent Auction co-ordinator Scott Norris at right.



Kudos to Nancy Lohrey, above, for a perfectly organized, promoted, and executed Auction!

★ Legacy Circle ★

The Endowment Board of Trustees was pleased to welcome 17 donors and guests for our very first reception to honor the members of the Congregation who have included UUCF in their planned giving. A short presentation was made by the Rev. Carl Gregg who described the opportunities available to support UCCF through estate planning and other means. The reception was the first step in acknowledging those who support an endowment that will carry on the congregation's work.

We also heard from participants willing to tell the assembled group of fellow donors and interested attendees what motivated them to include UUCF in their estate planning. Many brochures detailed the various planning vehicles available for consideration to suit individual's particular needs and interests.

The Endowment Fund is a long range project and takes decades. UUCF is a young congregation and the time to start is now. In creating a Legacy Circle and promoting the reception to the whole congregation we hope to raise the possibility of Legacy Giving in the minds of people who may not have thought about the possibility and to provide the information which they might need to accomplish their wishes. Our hope is to preserve UUCF's mission of caring for each other and caring for this one earth in the many years to come.

The endowment fund will be managed by the UUA in its Common Endowment Fund when UUCF has received a minimum amount of \$10,000.00. The UUA has achieved a very good rate of return over the years, invests in a socially responsible way and the fees for management are very low.

The UUCF endowment fund, although it will be managed by the UUA, belongs to UUCF. Until the UUCF has achieved the minimum investment amount, endowment gifts are treated as restricted assets in UUCF's regular Frederick County Bank account. It will stay there until we have the minimum amount to invest with the UUA. At that time, the Endowment Board of Trustees will have the opportunity of using the income for the good of the Congregation in consultation with the Board of Trustees of the Congregation.

We are honored to thank those members of the congregation who have already included UUCF in their planned giving and we thank them for their foresight and generosity. If you or others you know have also provided for UUCF in their estate planning, please let the Minister know, so that our records may be current and complete.

~~Leslie Powell



Thinking about Joining our Congregation?

Next Pathways to Membership class: December 5, 2015, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Are you considering membership at UUCF? Join the Membership Committee for **UUCF 101**, an intensive 1-day exploration of Unitarian Universalist history and principles, specific information about our own congregation, and individual spiritual journeys. Light refreshments will be provided, and child care is available with 72 hours notice.

Register in one of the following ways: Call the church office at 301-473-7680; sign up in the notebook at the Religious Education cabinet in the atrium; or register online at <http://www.frederickuu.org/ase/>.



New Facilities Manager!

We are delighted to introduce you to our new Facilities Manager, **Rick Anderson**. Rick recently relocated to Brunswick from Vermont, has extensive construction experience and says, "I love this congregation, this facility and new to me, Unitarianism." We are delighted to have you with us and trust you will be getting lots of "Hellos" from our Unitarian (and Universalist) community. We are so glad to have you.

And may we here add a huge "Thank You!" to Stan Schlepp, who has waited years to hand over the Facilities Manager position to a capable person and has meanwhile kept us up, running, and improving for years and years. We are grateful for what you have and continue to do for us Stan, and for your caring and hard-working helpers who have, and are, working on our building.



Religious Refugees

Nancy Pace njcpace@icloud.com is envisioning a group that you might be interested in visiting to see if it fits what you are looking for. She describes what she is suggesting below:

A sharing of our experiences and views on various "Religious Refugees" topics of interest. 12:45-2pm. 2nd & 4th Sundays (after services).

Bring snacks, drinks, lunch?

Nov 22-"How has religion shaped (for good and/or ill) our ideas about womanhood/manhood?"

Dec 13-"Sharing ways our youthful religious 'rules for life' worked (and/or didn't)."

CLASSIFIEDS

If you have a **personal, sales, or service ad** you wish to share with our mailing list, please send it to me by **November 20**. With a request, ads may run for two consecutive months. Classified ads should not exceed 100 words and may be accompanied by a picture. No business cards or display ads, please.

Tibby Middleton, Editor midken@comcast.net.

MACHINIST BENCH VISE

Solid jaw (width 3"), opens to 6" \$75
Eva Moore — 301-698-5722



RIDE-SHARE TO FLORIDA

I'd like to find a traveling companion who would like a ride to Fla. this winter. I want to visit my sister for about a month but dread making the long drive alone.

Patricia Barrett
patbarrett1@msn.com

HOUSING WANTED

New member, San Rogers, is seeking a place to rent, for \$300./month or less, in Frederick, preferably something like a "mother-in-law" apartment no longer being used.
E-mail: sanrogers314@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

Barely used 2014 lightweight Coachman Clipper 15Fl travel trailer, able to be towed by mid-sized SUV. Sleeps 2 and has full bath, nice-sized refrigerator and kitchen area, and many other nice amenities. Must sell but need to pay off loan.

Will also sell the 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe Limited, (6cylinder), AWD, with lots of goodies, including hitch all set up for towing the trailer.

E-mail for more pics and info. Sanrogers314@yahoo.com



NEWS FROM THE UU-UNITED NATIONS OFFICE

Our congregational envoy to the UU - UNO, Monica Greene, is grateful for the response to UN Sunday in October. Anyone who is interested in getting involved in this exciting work may find information at unitednations@uua.org.

Upcoming Events at our UU - UNO:

Tuesday, November 3: Confronting the Silence.

This event addresses the structural racism that people of African descent face worldwide as a human rights issue. Black Lives Matter, on a global scale! Some celebrities will participate, including Harry Belafonte and statements from the families of Tamir Rice (killed by police at age 12), John Crawford III (killed by police at age 22), and Emmett Till (murdered in 1955) will be read. The event will be streamed live for those unable to attend.

Thursday, November 5: Fall Fundraiser

Funds will be raised for the Spring Seminar and other office programs, with a live auction, music, food, wine and more. If you're near New York City, we hope to see you there!

Friday, November 6: Visit to Orphan Children in Ghana

Two women staff, Anne and Allison, plus four interns will travel to Ghana for one week to visit our program, Every Child is Our Child. They will focus on why many of the girls drop out of school, and bring back media including photos and videos of the children.

An additional event coming up soon is related to LGBTQ asylum seekers at the UN Church Center, with a panel of asylees who have fled their home countries due to persecution based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. The panel will also have specialists who provide legal or other services for them.

Partnering with a Kenyan UU Congregation

Many of you already know about UUCF's connection to the African nation of Kenya through the *Dig this Well* project, spearheaded by Mary Bowman-Kruhm, that provided clean water to five Kenyan villages in the Maasai Mara region. Most of you know also that for the last seven years UUCF has supported the education of a young Kenyan woman, Lillian Ochieng Odoyo, as she completed her high school education and now as she moves through her medical training at Moi University in Eldoret.

We now plan to add another string to our Kenyan connection through establishing a partnership with a UU congregation in Nanyuki. (Nanyuki is in the Mount Kenya region of Kenya, north and west of Nairobi.) This partnership will offer both UUCF and the Kenyan congregation the possibility of cross cultural exchanges between interested members of our congregations—through Skype, Facebook and e-mail, as well as the potential for assisting this fledgling congregation in Kenya with spiritual materials, such as hymn books and lay leadership materials for the staff and congregation. Finally, there is also the possibility of a shared worship service through satellite communication. Even more exciting, at some time in the future, this partnership may result in travel between Maryland and Kenya for members of both congregations.

At the present, these plans have potential, but nothing has been finalized. In June at the UU General Assembly, I attended a Workshop on the possibility of an international partnership with a church in a developing country. In September, after discussing the idea with Reverend Carl, Mary Bowman Kruhm and the Social Action Committee, I contacted the Reverend Steve Dick, Executive Secretary of the International Council of Unitarian Universalists and told him of our interest in finding out about the partnership relationship. On October 1 we found out that the UU congregation in Nanyuki, Kenya was excited about establishing a partner relationship with UUCF.

At this juncture we are about to hold a telephone conversation with members of a coalition of UU churches who partner with congregations in Kenya. These include Albuquerque NM, Tallahassee and Clearwater FL, All Souls UU Church in New York City and a UU Church in Toronto Canada. Each of these churches has a special relationship with one UU Fellowship in Kenya.

We will keep you posted as this partnership relationship develops.

Mary Fletcher
SAC liaison for Kenya.

Thanks for Helping Advocates for Homeless Families

Many of you answered the call for personal items or cleaning supplies to be distributed to *Advocates for Homeless Families*. Meredith McAdam, President of the Board of Directors, said that they "love it" when people remember the work they are doing and she sends "many, many thanks."



Our Split-Plate offering for November 15th

Heartly House: Help for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in Frederick County.

Each of our clients comes to Heartly House in the middle of a long and painful journey, never really believing that he/she can start again. One of our clients, Sharon, came to us exhausted by years of fear and nightmares.

Sharon is a 31-year-old woman with two young children. She called our hotline seeking help with her abusive live-in boyfriend. During the course of the call, the crisis worker learned that Sharon had also been sexually abused as a child.

Sharon didn't think that she would ever find rest or peace. That all changed when she entered the doors of Heartly House. Here she found a safe haven in which to share her concerns and fears for herself and her children. Through individual and group counseling, Sharon learned to identify her triggers and learned valuable grounding techniques to help harness her fears. In group, with the caring support of other women like herself, Sharon realized that **she wasn't alone.**

Armed with the expertise of the Heartly House legal department, she secured a protective order against her abusive partner. With her new-found strength and work with her service coordinator, Sharon was able to move out of shelter and find a safe home. Her children have begun to do better in school and are now able to sleep through the night!

Now, Sharon believes in a new start. She has hope and confidence in a new future for herself and her family, one that is free of fear.



Support the UUA's Global Refugee Crisis Fund

Natural and Organic Product Holiday Showcase in the atrium on first Sundays in November to benefit the UUA's Global Refugee Fund! A wonderful opportunity to buy one-of-a-kind, planet-friendly gifts for the entire family and support a great cause!

Contact: Lori Duke (lduke4156@gmail.com) [240-285-7071](tel:240-285-7071)

GUEST AT YOUR TABLE CAMPAIGN

NOVEMBER 1-22



WHAT IS GUEST AT YOUR TABLE?

Many in UUCF's congregation have participated before in a Guest at Your Table campaign over its 40-year history. For those who are new to the program, Guest at Your Table is an annual fundraising and education program that supports the UU Service Committee's human rights work. Over the decades, Guest at Your Table has raised millions of dollars for human rights projects that have made a real difference in people's lives.

THIS YEAR'S GUEST AT YOUR TABLE THEME

Today the world faces the greatest refugee crisis since World War II. Appearing daily in the media, the heartrending articles and photographs of Middle Eastern refugees trying to escape from war and poverty are a reminder of how desperate they are to reach safety and security.

This year Guest at Your Table highlights the empowerment of refugees and displaced people. One of UUSC's major focuses is serving the people who are most overlooked or discriminated against in the midst of humanitarian crises such as forced migration, large-scale conflicts, genocide, and natural disasters. As UUSC celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, we'll look back to its origin: Martha and Rev. Waitstill Sharp helping European refugees escape persecution during World War II. Other stories of critical humanitarian actions will be shared during the three-week campaign.

THE BOXES ARE BACK

Each family can pick up a Guest at Your Table box and campaign details on Sunday, November 1st, in the church atrium. Plan to use the box on your dinner table to spark conversation regarding refugee issues and to deposit the cost of each meal for your missing guest. Boxes and their contents will be gathered on Sunday, November 22nd.

Blanche Ames Gallery Presents

The Blanche Ames Gallery is pleased to feature Ron Richard Baviello from November 1- 29, 2015. Visitors to the gallery will find expressive and compelling paintings in acrylics in this unique show. Raised in North Carolina, Ron majored in art at East Carolina University and after graduating worked several years as an advertising illustrator and graphic artist. While he served as a medical technologist after he joined the Navy, his true love has been art. In his world of art, he is free to create and explore. He is a self taught painter.

Ron believes painting is like a magical process, first visualizing and creating images in his imagination and then rendering them in a tangible medium. There is always a challenge, but challenge is his greatest motivation. His choice of subject is eclectic. This gives him many different avenues to explore and experiment with in developing his diverse creative works. Ron states: "I paint because I can. It is a challenge, and it is one I enjoy. I want to create. Creating images makes me feel good."



The Dunes

An opening reception for the show will be held at the gallery on Sunday, November 1 from 12:30 until 2pm.

The Art Exhibit is up until November 29.

A Rare Opportunity

Saturday, November 7, 5:00pm in the Sanctuary



Haskell Small

"Journey in Silence: Reflections on the Book of Hours" — a contemplative sunset concert by Haskell Small with poetic readings from the great mystics of the world's religions. Praised for his dazzlingly prodigious technique, intense commitment, and rich imagination, pianist and composer Haskell Small's illustrious career has spanned the repertoire and the globe. After his concert at UUCF, Mr. Small continues his acclaimed series *Journeys in Silence*, which features his own compositions paired with other composers' works of a spiritual nature, with a tour in Japan in December 2015 and further tours of the U.S. and Europe in 2016.

Small writes, "After an introduction, my piece begins in the deep of night with Vigils, then progresses through the various hours of the day, including a substantial section for Vespers, then Compline, before finally returning to the "Great Silence" to complete the circle. The piece will be complimented with readings by Betsy Small from some of the great mystics of the world's religions, including Kahlil Gibran, Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Thomas Merton, Swami Dhyan Giten, Rabindranath Tagore, Jalal ad-Din Muhammad Rumi, Pablo Neruda, and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe."

Small is the chair of the Piano Department at the Washington Conservatory of Music. For more information, visit <http://www.haskellsmall.com/journeys-in-silence>.

(Freewill donation accepted, split between performer and UUCF.)

Frederick Presbyterian
Concert Series
presents

SPIRES BRASS QUINTET

Sunday, November 8, 2015
3:00 pm

featuring music from the Civil War
and other American music

A free-will offering will benefit the
Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter

Frederick Presbyterian Church
115 W. Second Street
Frederick, Maryland



Music Offered at Frederick Presbyterian Concert Series

On Sunday, November 8 at 3:00pm, the Spires Brass Quintet will perform a concert of popular American tunes at Frederick Presbyterian Church. Their repertoire will include Civil War, Dixieland jazz and 20th century standards. This event is FREE – a love offering will be collected for the Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter.



On Sunday, November 22 at 3:00pm, Frederick Presbyterian Church hosts the Kevin Lewis Quartet in concert. The Kevin Lewis Quartet includes some of the finest jazzers in Frederick county, and will share some of the great standards of the early and mid 20th century. This event is FREE – a love offering will be collected for the Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3rd – Sharon Buker; 5th – Anne Kelly, Nancy Pace; 7th – Lily Simmons; 11th – Nancy Hutchins; 12th – Amy Kloc; 13th – Brendan Feifer; 14th – Zachary Askounes; 19th – Dylan Hadfield; 21st – Quinn Law-Knotts, Roger Smith; 25th – Patricia Cronin; 26th – William Edwards; 28th – Ingrid Simpson; and 30th – Noah Simmons.

A gift idea for upcoming Holiday Giving. More information will be in the December newsletter.



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