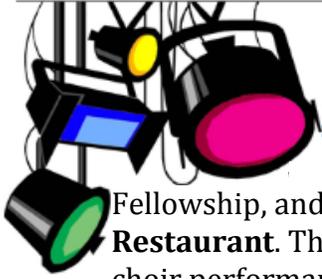


# UNISON



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*A Welcoming Congregation*



## Spotlight on Stewardship

All UUCF members and friends are invited to a dinner celebrating Stewardship, Fellowship, and launching our annual PLEDGE DRIVE on **Tuesday, March 15 at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant**. The event, featuring a talk by Reverend Carl on "Soaring to New Heights," a rousing choir performance, and guided table discussions, will begin at 6:30 and conclude at 9pm.

Tickets cost \$10 per person. Childcare provided with request by March 6.

Tickets are on sale in the atrium of the church every Sunday through March 6.

## Raffle for Early Pledging

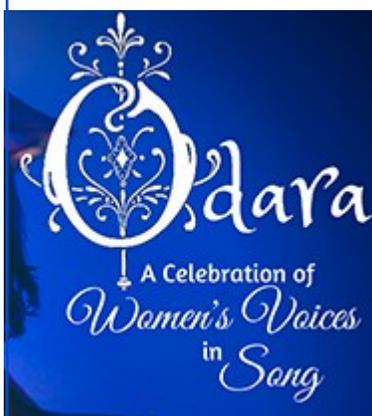
Sunday, March 13, 2016.....receive 3 Raffle Tickets if Pledge Card turned in at UUCF or online by midnight

Sunday, March 20, 2016.....receive 2 Raffle Tickets

Sunday, March 27, 2016.....receive 1 Raffle Ticket

Sunday, April 3, 2016.....Final Sunday for Pledge Drive

For each raffle ticket, your name will be entered to win **\$100 Gift Certificate** good for any of five Downtown Frederick restaurants (Ayze Meze, Brewer's Alley, Cacique, Isabella's, or Pistarro's). Pledge cards may be picked up from the UUCF Office or submitted online through [frederickuu.org/pledge](http://frederickuu.org/pledge).



From left, Martha Jones, Danielle Grace, Deb Int Veldt, Scarlet Coleman, Julia Jones, Elaine Gleaton, and Louise Van Gilder. Not shown in the picture, Irene Glasse and Calvert Thompson.

## Benefit Concert for UUCF

**Saturday, March 5 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary**

Featuring performances by nine gifted female vocalists in ensembles and as soloists — with songs spanning Classical, Pop, Folk, Musical Theater genres. Nick Int Veldt will accompany on piano.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, students and veterans. Proceeds to benefit the UUCF.

*A rare musical event!*

Dear UUCF Members and Friends,

Our nation is in the midst of another presidential election season. And as Unitarian Universalists, we care passionately about changing the world for the better. We want our political systems to more fully recognize what our First Principle calls “The inherent worth and dignity of every person,” to more fully practice what our Second Principle calls “Justice, equity and compassion in human relations,” and to move more swiftly toward what our Sixth Principle calls “The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.” Moreover, our Fifth Principle is explicitly about “The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.” We agree about these principles, but we do not always agree on how best to reach these goals.

## CARL'S COLUMN

Rev. Carl Gregg



Relatedly, as the political atmosphere becomes increasingly charged around us, it is important to remember that legally, we — as the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick — *can* advocate for public policy and laws to be changed (civil rights, civil liberties, economic justice, the environment, peace, etc.). But we can *neither* support a political party, *nor* endorse a candidate, speaking on behalf of UUCF. Even more importantly, it is vital to keep in mind that at UUCF we are a “big tent”: our community is diverse, including a range of political identities.

In the coming months, please be passionate about your values, while keeping in mind the difference between “brutal honesty” and “speaking the truth (as you see it) in love.” Please engage in the democratic process with your whole heart. But please do not conduct partisan activity (distributing campaign literature, speaking for a campaign, collecting names for a campaign effort, etc.) within the orbit of our congregational life. And please respect that other members and friends may be led by their conscience to vote differently.

If you are interested in more details, the UUA has a free guide online titled “Congregations and the IRS: Guidelines on Advocacy, Lobbying, and Elections” ([uua.org/action/realrules](http://uua.org/action/realrules)). Amidst a political process that often cynically pits neighbor against neighbor, thank you for helping keep UUCF a beloved community of mutual trust and respect. As it says on the back of our Order of Service each Sunday, “Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision.” I’m grateful to be with you on this journey.

Peace to you,

Carl

<[Minister@FrederickUU.org](mailto:Minister@FrederickUU.org)>

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## Chalice Communities Mid-Year Opportunity to Join

UUCF'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRY PROGRAM IS CALLED **CHALICE COMMUNITIES**. These discussion groups are a great way to get to know others and are open to all. Our CC groups meet twice monthly for a facilitated discussion based on our own experiences— no homework! Space is available in our Wednesday and Thursday morning groups as well as the Sunday group that meets after the second service. Please email [cc@frederickuu.org](mailto:cc@frederickuu.org) for more information or to register.

# Board of Trustees Notes

The UUCF Board of Trustees (BoT) met on February 18th and hosted a visit from the Board of Trustees of UU Gettysburg. The purpose of the visit was to explore ways UUG and UUCF might leverage one another's assets to meet their respective needs. UUG is a small (<55 members) congregation with 1/4 time minister support. The BoTs of both congregations initiated informational discussions about our respective congregations in order to better understand how we might best be able to help one another.

Both Boards agreed to send representatives to the upcoming (and timely) workshop at UUC Fairfax on March 12th entitled, "Exploring Congregational Partnership and Multisite Strategies." Subsequent to that workshop, the UUG and UUCF BoTs will continue their conversation in an attempt to better define our mutual path forward. By the way, anyone interested in learning more about how UU congregations are increasingly partnering together, visit [uua.org/growth/multisite](http://uua.org/growth/multisite).

The UUCF Board closed its meeting by initiating discussions kicking off our annual budget development activities. We are starting discussions centered on considering competing budget priorities for the future. Reverend Carl and the BoT want to leverage our solid financial position to continue to look forward to find ways to improve our effectiveness as a UU congregation that has an impact on our community and society.

~~Steve Berte, Vice President

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## ★ ★ ★ SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL UUCF AWARDS ★ ★ ★

Who would you like to see honored for their service to UUCF this year? See the plaques hanging in the entrance hallway for past recipients. Please submit your nominations for any of the categories below to Jan Fullerton <[jannchuck@comcast.net](mailto:jannchuck@comcast.net)> in writing by April 5. Awards will be announced at a service later this spring. *Nominations must include a written justification. It is important for you to share what you know of your nominee's good work and spirit.*

- Distinguished Service Award: Presented to those who have exemplified what Unitarian Universalism stands for through service and commitment to the congregation and the community.
- St. UUFF's Award: Presented to the angel who has demonstrated a compassionate and caring ministry to those of our congregation.
- Unsung hero Award: Presented to those who have gone beyond the call of duty in serving our congregation with great love.
- Lifespan Religious Education Distinguished Service Award: Honoring those who bring knowledge and the spirit of light to people of all ages

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## RE World



Lora Powell-Haney  
Director of Religious Education

### *Easter Sunday, March 27*

Join the spring fun during religious education hour. Families can make a craft or hunt for things, or meet some new friends. More detailed information will go out in mid-week announcements before the big day.

Get your bunny ears on!



### **Religious Education Task Teams**

Looking ahead to our next religious education year as this year begins winding down, and I would love to have some fresh eyes in two areas: **curriculum**, or what we do on Sunday mornings, and longer-term **vision** for our children and youth programming. Looking through resources is a great way to get your feet wet as an RE volunteer (and there may well be snacks). Contact Lora at [education@frederickuu.org](mailto:education@frederickuu.org) if you would like to reimagine faith development for the 21st century.

# SUNDAYS AT UUCF

## Sunday Services

9:30 and 11:30am

**March 6:** *Choices & Consequences*, Youth Sunday

**March 13:** *Les Miserables*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

**March 20:** *I Dream a World: Stewardship, Economic Justice, and Beloved Community*, Mark Ewert

**March 27:** *Remembering, Changing, Inventing: How Stories About Jesus Were Told*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

## Friendly Forum, in room 113

10:30 to 11:20am

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



## UUCF BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

March 13 and 27

We meet the second and fourth Sundays in the chapel: 10am for meditation and 10:35am for discussion. All are most welcome to attend either or both parts of the morning's program and there is always a seat for the newcomer.

March 13 and 27, the usual 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, we will continue reading and discussing *The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching: Transforming Suffering into Peace, Joy, and Liberation* by Thich Nhat Hanh, and will tentatively focus on Chapters 5 - 8 during March. Facilitators from the group will lead the meditation and the discussion.

~~Nancy Hutchins

[buddhist@frederickuu.org](mailto:buddhist@frederickuu.org)



## 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, March 6 from 10:30 to 11:15am** in the Chapel for a discussion of the story of "The Prodigal Son" (Luke 15:11-32) led by Sea Raven. Communion will be served. All are welcome.

## EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY

### WITH FREDERICK CUUPS

Our Earth-centered Spirituality Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30am in the Chapel.

This time 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."

Join us for our March meeting (led by Irene) as we celebrate the Spring Equinox.

Date: 20 Mar 2016

Time: 10:30am to 11:15am.

For more information, please contact Irene Glasse [irene.jericho@gmail.com](mailto:irene.jericho@gmail.com) (240) 405-6389.



## AHA: ATHEISTS, HUMANISTS, AGNOSTICS

First and Third Sundays, 12:45pm  
Always challenging discussions!

Phyllis Liddell at [phyllis.elaine@comcast.net](mailto:phyllis.elaine@comcast.net)

## RECOVERING RELIGIOUS REFUGEES, RUNAWAYS AND REBELS

Second and Fourth Sundays 12:45-2pm; Room 124

Join our discussion group for the following topics:

Mar 13: "What is Buddhism?"

Mar 27: "What is Earth-Centered (Pagan) Spirituality?"

Nancy Pace [njcpace@icloud.com](mailto:njcpace@icloud.com) (301) 788-6642

## FURTHER ADULT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### "Evil: A Liberal Religious Investigation"

Rev. Carl Gregg

Tuesdays beginning March 1 for 7 sessions in total, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., skipping March 15 (due to the Congregation-wide Stewardship Dinner at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant) and concluding on April 19.

For details, visit [frederickuu.org/evil](http://frederickuu.org/evil)

# FISCAL NOTES as of January 31, 2016

	January	Year to Date	Budget	%
Contributions	\$17,874.89	\$244,485.18	\$378,522.00	65%
All Other Income	\$2,999.08	\$62,900.03	\$86,202.00	73%
<b>**Total Income:</b>	<b>\$20,873.97</b>	<b>\$307,385.21</b>	<b>\$464,724.00</b>	<b>66%</b>
Employee/Staff Expense	\$15,679.06	\$121,340.05	\$227,895.00	53%
Facilities Expense	\$12,036.53	\$96,561.88	\$171,765.00	56%
All Other Expense	\$4,453.67	\$27,225.48	\$65,064.00	42%
<b>**Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$32,169.26</b>	<b>\$245,127.41</b>	<b>\$464,724.00</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>**Difference:(Net)</b>	<b>(\$11,295.29)</b>	<b>\$62,257.80</b>	<b>0</b>	

### Did you know?

For the month of January, we spent \$11,295.29 more than we took in. There were no unusual expenses for the month, contributions are historically low in January (after a generous December). It still takes an average of \$33,000 per month to support the congregation. Our available cash in the General (Operating) Fund is \$140,465.33 as of January 31, 2016, less the \$60,000 reserve which leaves us \$80,465.33.

Next month we look forward to paying down and refinancing the mortgage with our total raised of \$120,685.00 at a rate of 4.5%. Thank you to everyone who contributed! Just think what we can do when we no longer have a mortgage....

Janice

**SPECIAL NOTICE — UUCF Budget Requests:** If you are part of a UUCF Committee/Team and have a budget request for the July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 Fiscal Year, please email the amount and reason to Janice Schlepp ([treasurer@fredericuu.org](mailto:treasurer@fredericuu.org)) no later than Sunday, February 28.

Two of our extraordinary Treasury Team:  
 Janice Schlepp, Treasurer  
 Wendy Smith, Bookkeeper



## PATHWAYS TO MEMBERSHIP



We offer Saturday morning classes four times each year. Please sign up for one of the classes if you would like to know more about us and especially if you think your values are reflected in our community.

Our next class is offered March 12. If it is already full, you will be top of the list for the next class in June!

~~Ann Foard <[anndfoard@yahoo.com](mailto:anndfoard@yahoo.com)>

# Social Action Committee

JUSTice + ACTION = JustAct  
<http://uusocialjustice.org/nws>

Mary Kruhm, Chair

## Community Social Action Project

Come hear human rights activist and founder of Equal Justice Initiative **Bryan Stevenson** speak at the Weinberg.



**Bryan Stevenson**  
**April 21, 2016**

Every year our UU Association chooses a pertinent book to suggest to all congregations to read and discuss. This is called our "Common Read."

The Common Read for 2016 is Stevenson's *Just Mercy*.

Each year we discuss the Common Read book at UUCF. You may participate in the discussion even if you have not read the book.

On April 3rd congregational discussions will follow both services.

Bryan Stevenson, the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, is one of the most acclaimed and respected lawyers in the nation. His memoir, *Just Mercy*, is the story of a young lawyer fighting on the frontlines of a country in thrall to extreme punishments and careless justice. It is an inspiring story of unbreakable humanity in the most desperate circumstances, and a powerful indictment of our broken justice system and the twisted values that allow it to continue.

After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1985, Stevenson moved to the South, a region on the verge of a crisis: the states were speeding up executions, but many of the condemned lacked anyone to represent them. On a shoestring budget he started the Equal Justice Initiative, a law practice dedicated to defending some of America's most rejected and marginalized people. The cases he took on would change Stevenson's life and transform his understanding of justice and mercy forever.

Stevenson is the recipient of numerous awards, including the MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant and the NAACP Image Award for Best Non-Fiction, and was named one of Time's 100 Most Influential People for 2015. Stevenson is a tenured law professor at New York University School of Law.

## TICKETS

- Cost is \$26 (reg. \$32.50);
- Reserve tickets in the Atrium until March 13;
- We will send order to Weinberg
- Tickets may be picked up between 3/22 and 4/14 in UUCF Office;
- Any problem, contact Mary at 301-712-6828 or [<writer@marybk.com>](mailto:writer@marybk.com)

## Pre-event:

### DINNER AT ISABELLA'S

We will enjoy a 5pm dinner with other UUs prior to Stevenson's talk.

Individual checks at the restaurant, but please RSVP at SAC table in Atrium or e-mail to [<writer@marybk.com>](mailto:writer@marybk.com).

**Books on Sale in UUCF Atrium for \$14 until April 10**



## UUCF TURNS OUT FOR THE ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION OF THE UU LEGISLATIVE MINISTRY OF MARYLAND

Thirteen of our members attended the meeting February 6, including our own *Steve Buckingham*, Co-chair of UULM-MD. (Thank you for your work, Steve!)

We have had great success in helping create loving and just legislation in the past and hope to continue with more successes this year. We'll keep you posted.

**Date Change: Social Action Committee Meeting—March 8, 2015, 5:30pm; brown bag meal at 5pm.**

Discussion items include split-plate application and book sale

Betsy and Phyllis will chair. Join us!

## The Green Corner



## Maryland Legislators Need to Know Your Position on These Bills

### [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act \(GGRA\)](#)

House Bill (HB)610

Senate Bill (SB)323

*Background:* Maryland's General Assembly passed the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act in 2009, which required a [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan](#). That plan called for a minimum 25% reduction in greenhouse gases from 2006 levels by 2020. A 2015 plan update shows that the state is on target to not only meet, but exceed that goal. However, the law expires this year (2016) and must be re-authorized for the work to continue.

[Click here to thank your state senator today, and urge him or her to keep voting YES for bold climate solutions in Maryland. \(Or, hold your senator accountable for being one of eight "no" votes\).](#)

*Why it's important to contact your legislators:* Climate change is already impacting Maryland. The Maryland Commission on Climate Change (MCCC), a bipartisan Commission chaired by Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary, Ben Grumbles voted this past fall to recommend extending the emission reduction goals to 40% by 2030. That recommendation made it into the bill! It requires the state "to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 25% from 2006 levels by 2020 and to develop plans, adopt regulations, and implement programs to reduce GHG emissions by 40% from 2006 levels by 2030." While no emitter of Greenhouse Gases is solely responsible for global climate change, it is important to understand that we are all in this together. The MD Department of the Environment is planning for a Chesapeake Bay sea level rise of 3-4 feet by 2100. Global reductions in GHG's can keep it from going higher and we can help by encouraging our representatives to pass this bill.

### [Clean Energy Jobs - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Revisions](#)

HB1106

SB921

*Background:* This act creates clean energy jobs by investing in workforce development, job training, and providing support for minority and women-owned businesses.

*Why it's important to contact your legislators:* The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of MD, as a member of the MD Climate Coalition, supports creating clean energy jobs that pay well. A major provision of this bill also stipulates that Maryland electric companies must buy 25% of their power from clean energy sources by 2020.

You can find the name of and contact information for your senator by going to <http://mdelect.net/>. If you call after office hours, please leave your name and complete address along with your request on the office answering machine. For additional information, [follow this link.](#), for talking points provided by the Coalition related to this legislation.

~~Karen Russell

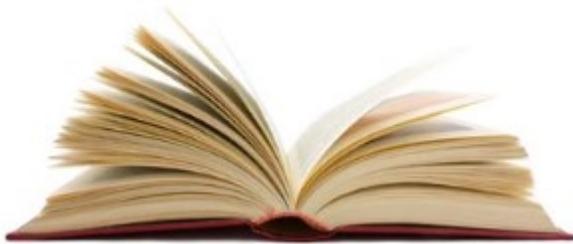
# SPLIT-PLATE FOR MARCH 20TH: ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT



Now in its 40th year, AVP gives people the tools they can use to change themselves and our violent society. Our participants learn new ways to react to conflict and frustration. AVP has been offering experiential workshops in Maryland prisons since 1988. Workshops are now facilitated by 59 community volunteers and 165 trained inmate facilitators, who work as teams in eight Maryland prisons. There are currently start-up programs aimed at youth and communities in Baltimore.

Donations this year are requested for **AVP Maryland** ([www.avpmd.org](http://www.avpmd.org)), a non-profit affiliate of the national Alternatives to Violence Project. All our workshops are entirely staffed by volunteer facilitators and a lot of the expenses are funded out of pocket by these same volunteers. Funds raised by AVP Maryland are used to support volunteer facilitators in attending the annual National Gathering and to help with exceptional expenses such as buying manuals for a new program. AVP Maryland hopes to help some of our formerly incarcerated facilitators attend the Annual Gathering by providing help with travel expenses. Formerly incarcerated men and women are exceptional messengers for peace to their communities and we want to keep them involved and connected.

Four UUCF members facilitate AVP workshops at the Maryland Correctional Institution at Hagerstown and would be glad to talk with you about AVP: Emma Lou Comstock, Mary Fletcher, David and Nancy Hutchins. If you would like learn more about how the program operates, please see the national website: [www.avpusa.org](http://www.avpusa.org).



## UUUsed Book Sale

**Saturday, March 19, 9am-3pm and  
Sunday, March 20, 12:30-3pm**

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, 4880 Elmer Derr Road.

Buy a book or a bagful.

Benefit Social Action Committee.

Questions? Contact Phyllis Liddell, 240-586-4554.

Please help us carry the UUCF social action program forward in one of these ways:

- ★ Donate your old books of any type and genre (no textbooks, please).  
Three ways to donate books:  
Drop off at main door March 6 and 13 before and after services.  
Someone will help you unload.  
Take boxed books to coat room after March 6.  
Contact Betsy Bainbridge ([betsybainbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:betsybainbridge@yahoo.com)) for pick-up.
- ★ Help with set-up (lots of time slots March 18, 9:30am-5pm), sales on Saturday and Sunday, and clean up (Sunday, March 20, 3-5pm).

See Phyllis Liddell to volunteer.

## SAC NEWS

The Social Action Committee welcomes **Betsy Bainbridge** as assistant chairperson, a much needed job as we look to expand the role of the SAC. Betsy has already taken on the job of revising the application for split-plate recipients and helping with the book sale. Happy you've taken on this position, Betsy!



Meg Menke awaits the spring blooming blossoms.

# Legislature Considers Choices

Did you spot Lynne Wolf's photo in the [Sunday, February 21 Washington Post, page C-1](#)? (Click for picture and article.) She and several members of UUCF who are active in *Compassion and Choices*, the national group leading support for this legislation, attended the initial hearing in Annapolis. The legislation failed last year and it's an uphill fight this year, but advocates say the legislators are more responsive to the groundswell of support they sense from the public.

If you believe you or a loved one in severe pain has the right to choose how to live their final days, your help is needed in two ways:

**Contact legislators involved in moving the bill forward.** Type in your address at <http://mdelect.net> and your list of legislators pops up, with an email link. No registration required. Also email these still undecided legislators: [Bobby Zirkin](#) (Baltimore County), chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, [Susan C. Lee](#) (Montgomery), C. Anthony Muse and Victor R. Ramirez (both Prince George's). Click [here](#) to email them this message: "Although I live in Frederick, I strongly support End-of-Life Options and hope this bill can quickly move forward."

**Attend the March 16 interfaith rally.** Every member and friend of UUCF is a person of faith so please join Reverend Carl. Contact Mary B-Kruhm [writ-er@marybk.com](mailto:writer@marybk.com) or 301-712-6828 for information about transportation (not yet finalized).

FOR EMAIL CONTACT TO MARYLAND LEGISLATORS,

CLICK [HERE](#).

*"What are we here for, if not to make life easier for each other?"*

~~ George Eliot



# End-of-Life Options



## An Invitation to Stand Together Interfaith Rally for Death with Dignity

March 16, 2016  
11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.  
Lawyers Mall College Ave  
Annapolis, MD



Save the Date!

## REPLAY

**Nancy Pace** was asked for a copy of her short sermon for Sunday Service on February 6 so many times that, as well as sending the copy to several requesters, she posted the talk on YouTube: ["Being Wrong, Being Right."](#) Subsequently, she posted both the written and video versions on our website, where you can find both hers and Carl's sermons, "The Spirituality of Doubt." Click [here](#).



If you missed **Bill Conner's** talk at a recent Friendly Forum, he will again be presenting his views on how to "Get Money Out of Politics" at the Frederick Peace & Justice Network meeting, Wednesday, March 2, 11am, Friends Meeting House, 723 N. Market, Frederick, MD. Get Money Out - Maryland <http://www.getmoneyoutmd.org> is working to get money out of politics and to fight "Corporate Personhood." Stay for potluck lunch after the meeting.

# Blanche Ames Gallery Presents

## CAT SZAFRAN PHOTOGRAPHS: "EXPLORING THE U.K."

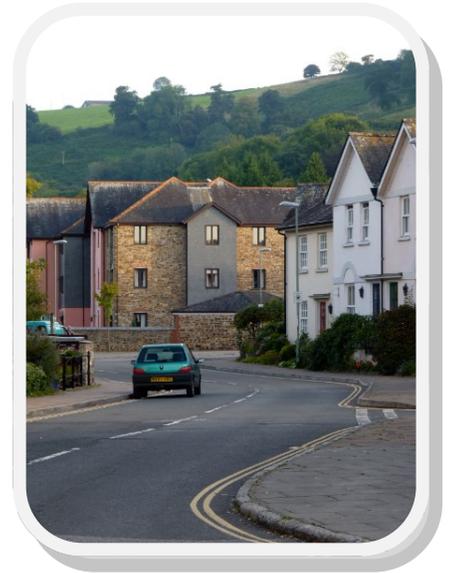
Artist Talk and Reception  
March 6<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 until 2:00pm  
Show runs until March 27



UUCF Member Cat Szafran has spent most of her life looking at the world through a lens of a camera.

It began with the time she spent in her formative years living in and visiting her mother in England, enjoying the wonderful images of nature, people, architecture and daily life. This show reflects some of her favorite images from these trips.

What sparks Cat's inspiration are the random and compelling scenes of the everyday which require no manipulation beyond light and filter.



April 16 is COMING!

What happens on April 16?

Not taxes! (They're due the day before.)

Not the Ides so fatal to Caesar! (That was the day before in March.)

Nope! Saturday April 16 is

**UUCF's SQUARE DANCE!!!!!!**



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

We start at 7:30pm and dance until we drop (or until 9:15 comes around).

So polish up your dance shoes, find that swirly skirt or square dance shirt, and save the date.

WHAT DO WE NEED TO KNOW?

We will be handing out ticket requests starting at the Sunday, March 6 services because we need to know how many are coming. Please make sure you fill out a ticket request.

Pay at the door: \$5.00 per adults and teens over 16. Kids under 16 are free.

Remember: It's a BYOB event and the CLC asks you to support their Bake Sale at the dance.

Get ready for FUN!!!

For further information: Nancy Roblin, 703 346 2022 or [nancy.roblin@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.roblin@gmail.com).

# COMING SOON



## COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PAGANS



**March 20:**

### *Frederick CUUPS Ostara Ritual*

Join Frederick CUUPS for an open, family-friendly Ostara Ritual! Ostara, the Spring Equinox, marks the time in the growing year when day and night are of equal length. Pagans welcome the return of light and life with feasting, dancing, music and festivities. We will share an Ostara celebration (led by Lora). Potluck to follow, please clearly LABEL any offerings with the ingredients included. Date: 20 Mar 2016 Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

**March 23:**

### *Indoor OR Outdoor Full Moon Labyrinth Walk*

Come enjoy the beauty and peace of the Labyrinth by the light of the full moon! If the weather is clement, we will walk the outdoor labyrinth and hand drums are welcome. If the weather is cooler, we will roll out our beautiful Classical pattern canvas Labyrinth in the Chapel. Check the Labyrinth facebook page for a final call. The labyrinth will be illuminated from 7:30 pm till 9 pm. Everyone is welcome. Date: 23 Mar 2016 Time: 7:30pm to 9:00pm Contact: Irene Glasse ([irene.glasse@gmail.com](mailto:irene.glasse@gmail.com)) ([\(240\) 405-6389](tel:2404056389))



## UUCF PARENT POTLUCK:

It's time for a Mexican Fiesta!! Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share and something to drink. Free childcare is available; we ask that those bringing children bring a separate dish for the kid's meal.

Please let us know how many children need childcare asap.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 16 (contact [hanson.julie@gmail.com](mailto:hanson.julie@gmail.com)).

Save the date for future Parent Potlucks on April 23 & May 28.

## ANIMAL RIGHTS MINISTRY



## *Potluck and movie screening*

Please join the Animal Rights Ministry for a vegan potluck and documentary screening of *PlantPure Nation*.

Come enjoy delicious food, great company and meet new friends. The film *PlantPure Nation* tells the story of three people on a quest to spread the message of one of the most important health breakthroughs of all time. This is a free event and open to all. Hope to see you there!

Date: 3 Apr 2016

Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Contact: Amie LaPorte ([gwendyllyne77@gmail.com](mailto:gwendyllyne77@gmail.com))  
[630-930-2282](tel:6309302282)

If you've got the questions,  
**We've got a Man with the Answers!**

Curious about the behind the scene workings of our facility?

I would like to invite anyone who has an interest in our facility to contact me to arrange a show and tell tour of our facility. Where does the heat come from? How do we treat our drinking water? What's that big lump in the side yard? How does our fire suppression system work? What's behind that door? What is the purpose of the large excavated area behind the building and why was it mowed? These and other mysteries will be revealed.

Please call Rick Anderson, Facilities Manager at 970-370-8538 (Voice or Text), to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Thank you,  
 Rick

**Rev. Carl Teaching at FCC**

"Comparing Religions: Coming to Terms"  
 Thursdays at 10:00am - 11:30am,  
 March 10 – April 21 (skip 3/24).

Much more than another survey of beliefs and practices in the world religions. Consider the history, nuances, promises, and costs of different comparative practices and the significance for our contemporary world.

To register: [ilratfcc.com/portfolio/comparing-religions-coming-to-terms/](http://ilratfcc.com/portfolio/comparing-religions-coming-to-terms/)

**UUCF BOOK CLUB**

March meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the home of Fanny Johnsson.

The book we will be discussing is *Master of Deceit, J. Edgar Hoover and America in the Age of Lies* by Marc Aronson.

Need directions to Fanny's home?  
 Contact her at [301-684-5474](tel:301-684-5474) or [fjohnsson@comcast.net](mailto:fjohnsson@comcast.net).

**Women's Brunch**



Retired UU Ladies Eating Out (RUULEO)  
 Double T Diner at 5617 Spectrum Drive  
<http://www.doubletdiner.com/restaurants/frederick-restaurant.aspx>  
 Tuesday March 8, 2016 at 10:15am

We will order before 11am when the prices change.  
 We welcome any UU lady who has the time to brunch.  
 Twelve ladies made it to the Double T last month, three more ended up at Mountain View Diner. We will discuss other brunch venues, but for now, be sure to get to the Double T.  
 For questions call Nancy Lohrey at 301-606-4282

**CLASSIFIEDS**

If you have a **personal, sales, or service ad** you wish to share with our mailing list, please send it to me by **March 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](mailto:midken@comcast.net).

**Service Ad:**

Spring is Here! Is it time to buy a home & get established in Maryland? Maybe it's time to downsize & sell. Either way, I am along-time UU Realtor with over 28 years experience in real estate & mortgage banking and I'm "Always here to Help!"

Let's meet for coffee and talk about the possibilities!

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> – Keith Low; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Phillip Kolb; 5<sup>th</sup> – Laurel  
Ady; 7<sup>th</sup> – Ned Collins-Chase; 6<sup>th</sup> – David  
Hutchins; 8<sup>th</sup> – Jasmine Whims; 11<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Sar-  
gent, Peter Singley; 12<sup>th</sup> – Rick Mead; 17<sup>th</sup> – Ivy  
O'Keefe; 18<sup>th</sup> – Michael Askounes; 20<sup>th</sup> – Elaine  
Lynch; 21<sup>st</sup> – Gary Hays; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bridget Mancu-  
si; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Karen Butler, Lila Grace; 24<sup>th</sup> – Megan  
John; Haven Silvio; 25<sup>th</sup> – Tom Simpson; 26<sup>th</sup>  
– Susan Vrousseau; 27<sup>th</sup> – Jim Bryant, Alexa  
Gleaton, Nadia Remaley, Ed Sorensen; 28<sup>th</sup> – Pa-  
tricia Spicer; and 29<sup>th</sup> – Sam Norris.



## UU General Assembly:

Wednesday, June 22 - Sunday, June  
26 in Columbus, OH.

If you are interest in attending,  
email Rev. Carl  
([minister@frederickuu.org](mailto:minister@frederickuu.org)). Note  
that registration, housing, and finan-  
cial aid option all open at 9:00 a.m.  
on March 1. Details at [uua.org/ga](http://uua.org/ga).

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