

# UNISON



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A Welcoming Congregation

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

Does someone you know deserve recognition for service to UUCF during the past year (or more)?

Please submit your nominations in writing to Jan Fullerton <[jannchuck@comcast.net](mailto:jannchuck@comcast.net)> by April 5 for any of the categories listed below. 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.

## SQUARE DANCING

For Everyone!



Saturday, April 16  
7:30 to 9:15pm

Famous caller Slim Harrison and his friends will be here with us again for our Second Annual Square Dance, along with his amazing collection of homemade band instruments for the kids to play.

This is great fun for ALL ages. BYOB or cool off with provided cold water and juices. Bring munchies too. The CLC will hold a Bake Sale.

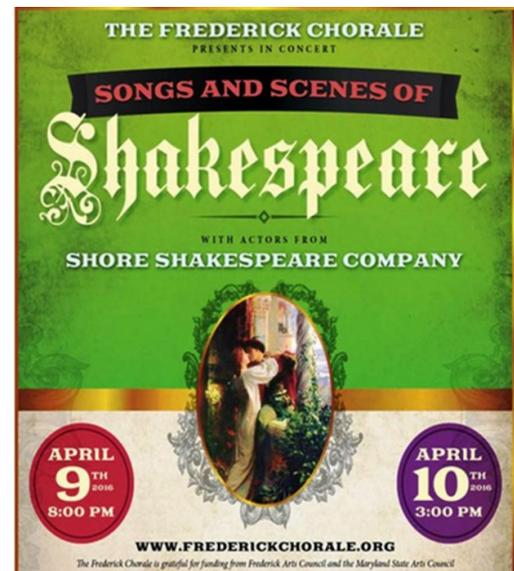
Tickets at the door will cost \$5.00 for adults and teens over 16. Under 16s are \$3.00. The small charge will help us cover costs. See you there! (Contact Nancy Roblin for further information: [nancy.roblin@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.roblin@gmail.com).)



Slim may look cool, but he plays



## APPEARING AT OUR CHURCH



APRIL 9, 8pm  
APRIL 10, 3pm  
Tickets at the Door  
\$18, \$15 and Free

# **MORE** **COMING SOON**

**Sunday April 3, 10:45am**

**Open discussion of *Just Mercy*,  
by Bryan Stevenson**

People are welcome to come to the discussion in the Sanctuary even if they haven't read the book.

The sermon that morning will be on "Just Mercy" including a major emphasis on Restorative Justice as an alternative to Punitive Justice -- which is also a major UU-United Nations Office emphasis this year.

**April 10, 11:30am to 1pm**

**Luncheon to Benefit Circle of Life Cooperative Preschool (CLC)**

Everyone is invited. Lunch is \$5 and will include a main, side and dessert item; drinks for \$1 and a la carte snacks for \$2. Vegetarian options will be available. Circle of Life Cooperative Preschool (CLC) is a nonprofit cooperative preschool housed at UUCF.

Our mission is to provide a child-centered and parent-involved preschool program based on Unitarian Universalist principles. This program enhances the intellectual, emotional, physical, social and creative development of the children within the preschool community.

**Saturday, April 16, 9am**  
**Join our Road Crew**



**UUCF REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY**

Our Congregation has been responsible for the Elmer Derr roadside cleanup under the Frederick County Adopt-A-Road Program for now over 10 years.

The next opportunity to participate and wear one of our colorful safety vests will be Saturday morning, APRIL 16th. We meet in our parking lot, by the green sheds, at 9:00am to sign in, get equipped, and get organized. Please be on time.

Anyone 14 years and older can participate. I suggest long pants and hiking shoes, bug repellent, and a "picker" (ask grandma if she has one). I will provide the requisite plastic bags.

Questions? Call/Text Dave Hutchins at 301-667-4267

**April 17, 1pm at UUCF**

***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: 17 Apr 2016

Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

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

**April 23, 5pm at UUCF**

**PARENT POTLUCK:**

Bring a 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. (contact [hanson.julie@gmail.com](mailto:hanson.julie@gmail.com) ).

Next Parent Potluck on May 28.

For those who could not attend the congregational dinner, here are Carl's remarks in their entirety:

Four years ago, almost to this day, I told my wife Magin that although I wasn't sure whether it was the right time to leave the congregation where I was serving at that time, I felt like I at least needed to look around and see what opportunities might be available. In an interesting synchronicity, a day or two later, one of the most popular journals read by mainline Protestant clergy arrived in the mail, and in the classified section, I noticed an ad for a Unitarian Universalist congregation in Frederick, Maryland.

When I took the next step of reading UUCF's Congregation Record, I came away with a strong sense of this congregation's immense potential for further growth. UUCF was founded in 1961, and there had been tremendous growth from that first small group, leading to the dedication of our current building in 2003.

But for the previous seven years prior to the most recent ministerial search process, UUCF had been plateaued through a series of leadership changes: two one-year Interim Ministers, a two-year Settled Minister, and two years of Interim Ministry with a half-time Consulting Minister.

When you were preparing to launch the search for a new minister (who turned out to be me), those of you who were here at that time took a leap of faith. You knew firsthand that ministers and congregations aren't always the right fit for one another. But it was also clear that to return to the trajectory of growth UUCF had been on prior to that seven-year slump would require moving back from a half-time to a full-time minister.

You collectively stepped up to the challenge and made a three-year pledge to make-up the difference between the half-time minister's salary that you had been paying and the remaining amount needed for a full-time minister. I'm grateful you did because I would never have applied for anything less than a full-time position.

At that same time, related to your discoveries that congregations and ministers aren't always good fits, I was making some similar discoveries of my own. In 2003, immediately out of seminary, I told the search committee of the first congregation to which I was called that I planned to stay at least three years. I ended up staying *seven* because it was such a great fit for both me and them.

But in March 2012 I had served a little less than two years as the minister of my second congregation. I told that search committee that I planned to stay at least five years. After almost two years, we had experienced modest growth, but it was becoming increasingly clear then — and is even clearer to me now — that everything I was able to facilitate successfully at my first congregation in Louisiana and everything that I had been able to facilitate here at UUCF just wasn't working very well for a confluence of reasons in Southern Maryland, primarily related to geography and demographics.

The good news is that although I continue to very much not be perfect, we do seem to be a good match — and we are soaring to new heights!

- In February 2012 (five months before I became your minister), UUCF certified with the UUA at 177 members,
  - In addition, contributions to the Operating Fund at the end of the preceding Congregational Year totaled around \$227,000.
  - Four years later, we certified last month at 238 — an increase of 61 members.
  - And the total contributions to the Operating Fund at the end of last Congregational Year was over \$328,000 — an increase of almost \$102,000 annually.
- Relatedly, average Sunday service attendance has almost doubled from 99 people per week to 195 people, causing us to move to two Sunday services last year.

## CARL'S COLUMN

*Rev. Carl Gregg*



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We're just getting started. I told the UUCF Search Committee that I planned to be here at least 7 to 10 years, and I'm open to being here significantly longer. After all, Magin and I just bought a house in Downtown Frederick in June.

Last year, we had a big hurdle of integrating that 3-year year minister's fund into our on-going operating fund. You collectively stepped up and stuck the landing on the other side of that three-year leap of faith to call a full-time Settled Minister. We're now in my *fourth* year with the Operating Fund at a level that supports me as your full-time Settled Minister, along with the rest of our excellent staff.

In the past four years we've also created four new staff positions:

- Two years ago, we hired Deb as our part-time Music Director,
- Last year we hired Nick as our Choral Accompanist. Together they have helped catalyze the growth of our adult choir to an astounding 45 members, whose impressive dedication includes singing at both services twice a month!
- To relieve long-time volunteers, last year we were able to hire a part-time Bookkeeper, and this year we hired Rick Anderson as our part-time Facilities Manager.

Your generosity and commitment have made all of that possible.

Earlier I mentioned that in reading UUCF's Congregational Record, my biggest takeaway was a sense of unfinished potential. One misreading is that I assumed I was inheriting the leadership of a congregation with a 30-year mortgage. But we recently raised more than \$120,000 to get "back on track" with our debt — and will be renewing for around a 15-year loan! I can envision a day in the not-so distant future, when we can celebrate a mortgage note burning party.

As I said earlier, when you were preparing to call a new minister, your average Sunday attendance was 99 people. In congregation consultant terms, an Average Sunday Attendance of 51 to 151 is a "*Pastoral-sized* Congregation." You were right to take that leap of faith to raise the funds needed to call *not* a half-time, but a full-time minister.

Our current Average Sunday Attendance of 195 means that we are now in the middle of the stage known as an "*Awkward-size* congregation" (175-225). The recommendation at this stage is to grow *quickly*—not slowly—to push through to becoming a full-fledged Program-sized congregation (225-450 on Sunday mornings).

So as we now look to a future of "Soaring to New Heights," there are so many exciting possibilities of what we can do and become. To name only the top three (among many more) reasons why I hope you will give generously to this year's pledge drive:

#1: Continuing to paying our existing staff both annual Cost-of-Living increases and to maintain "Fair Compensation" levels according to UUA Guidelines as we continue to grow.

#2: If you were one of the 271 people who showed up last Sunday for our annual Music Sunday, then the performance of the children's choir on "Little People" shows why we need to increase our Music Director's position as soon as possible from 15 hours/week to 20 hours/week so that Deb will have the time to create an ongoing children's choir and to create youth ensembles with Middle and High Schoolers.

#3: The top recommended strategy for moving quickly from an Awkward-sized congregation to a Program-sized Congregation is to hire a 20 hour/week Membership Coordinator, who can focus on welcoming visitors, integrating new members into the congregation, and helping connect new and existing members to our classes and programs. A Membership Professional can catalyze our membership and program growth in the same way that hiring music professionals has developed our music program.

To conclude with the words of our new Mission Statement, I'm excited as well to see the ways that we will continue to flourish as "We join together to encourage spiritual growth, build a beloved community, and act for peace and justice." I'm grateful to be on this journey with you.

Peace to you,  
Carl

# SUNDAY SERVICES

## Worship Services

9:30 and 11:30am

**April 3:** *When Mercy and Truth Meet*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

**April 10:** *The Spirituality of Shakespeare*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg and Shore Shakespeare Company

**Note: One service at 10:30am followed by luncheon prepared by our Pre-school Program**

**April 17:** *Earth Day and Flower Communion*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

**April 24:** *Evil: A Liberal Religious Investigation*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg



### 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 April 3 from 10:30 to 11:15am** in the Chapel for a celebration of Easter, with discussion led by Sea Raven. Communion will be served. All are welcome.

~~[searaven.morse@gmail.com](mailto:searaven.morse@gmail.com)



### UUCF BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

April 10 and 24

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.

SCHEDULING CHANGE. For our April 10 meeting only, we will begin meditation at 9am, followed by discussion ending at 10:15am.

April 24, we will resume our usual schedule of beginning meditation at 10am and concluding our program at 11:15am.

Various members of our group will be leading the sessions, which are currently discussions of *The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching* by Thich Nhat Hanh. We expect to be reviewing Chapters 11 and 12 on April 10. Reading the material is encouraged, but please be assured that you are welcome whether or not you have done so.

~~Nancy Hutchins

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



### 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."

For more information, please see the following page.

# UUCF GROUPS

## FRIENDLY FORUM

10:30 to 11:20am

Each Sunday the Friendly Forum meets in room 113 for 50 minutes to discuss Congregational and/or Current Events.

## AHA ATHEISTS, HUMANISTS, AGNOSTICS

First and Third Sundays, 12:45pm; Chapel  
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:

April 10: "What is Buddhism?"

April 24: "What is Earth-Centered (Pagan) Spirituality?"

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

## COVENANT OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST PAGANS

### April 17: CUUPS Earth Centered Spirituality Service

Our Earth-centered Spirituality Group meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Chapel at 10:30 am. 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 April meeting (led by Irene and Chris) as we honor Earth Day. Time: 10:30am to 11:15am. Contact: Irene Glasse

([irene.glasse@gmail.com](mailto:irene.glasse@gmail.com)) (240) 405-6389.

### April 22: Full Moon Labyrinth Walk.

Come enjoy the beauty and peace of the Labyrinth by the light of the full moon! Join us for a very special Earth Day Labyrinth Walk!! The labyrinth will be illuminated from 8 pm till 10 pm. Everyone is welcome. Weather permitting, this will be an outdoor, drumming walk. The first hour will be a quiet walk, the second hour drumming, so feel free to bring hand drums and other percussion instruments. If you haven't walked a Labyrinth before, there is no ceremony or ritual - just open space. Time: 8:00pm to 10:00pm.

Contact: Irene Glasse

([irene.glasse@gmail.com](mailto:irene.glasse@gmail.com)) (240) 405-6389.

## Adult Spiritual Enrichment

**Evil: A Liberal Religious Investigation**  
Rev. Carl Gregg

Tuesdays, April 5-19  
7-8:30pm

\$5 per session

**Deepening Pagan Practices**  
Irene Glasse, teacher of Pagan Studies

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 4/10-7/24  
1pm

\$10 per session

**Prana Flow Yoga**

Irene Glasse, Frederick yoga and Reiki teacher

Fridays in the Chapel  
12:30pm

\$5 per session

For thorough descriptions of these courses, please click on our link: [ASE](#)

# FISCAL NOTES as of February 29, 2016

General Operating Fund	Month of February	Fiscal Year To Date July through February 2016	% of Annual Budget – 66 % through the year
Contributions:	\$21,936.68	\$266,221.86	70%
All Other Income:	\$5,250.50	\$ 67,965.53	79%
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$27,187.18</b>	<b>\$334,187.39</b>	<b>72%</b>
Employee/Staff Expense:	\$18,166.82	\$139,506.87	61%
Facilities Expense:	\$16,762.00	\$ 113,323.88	66%
All other Expenses:	\$ 4,383.33	\$ 31,608.81	49%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$39,312.15</b>	<b>\$284,439.56</b>	<b>61%</b>
<b>Difference(Net):</b>	<b>(\$12,124.97)</b>	<b>\$ 49,747.83</b>	

## Did you know?

For the month of February, we spent \$12,124.97 more than we took in. February is typically a slow month, It is what our year-to-date surplus covers. The generator installation was completed in February and paid for. Day light savings time is here and it is light into the evening, I love it! Our available cash in the General (Operating) Fund is \$127,945.66 as of February 29, 2016, less the \$60,000 reserve leaves us \$67,945.66.

If you have turned in a pledge form or pledged online already, thank you so much; if not, please consider it. One thing to note is that even if you have a weekly or monthly amount coming in through our Vanco website (credit card or ACH withdrawal), we still need your pledge form for planning purposes, either in paper form or via the UUCF web site. Thanks to all!

~~Janice

## Healthcare is a Human Right - Maryland

A free film, *FIX IT - Health Care at the Tipping Point* will be shown by the Frederick County chapter.

This is a one-hour film with discussion and light refreshments on Sunday, **April 3** at 3:00 p.m., at Area 31 Film Studio, located at 3 East Patrick Street, Frederick.

Everyone is welcome.

## DEMOCRACY AWAKENING 2016

Join us in Washington **April 16-18** to be part of a nationwide mobilization to restore our democracy. We demand a democracy that can meet its challenges - from inequality to climate change, from providing healthcare for all, to ensuring everyone is paid a living wage.

The three-day event begins at All Souls Unitarian Church, 1500 Harvard Street NW, Washington, DC 20009-4290; there will be a mass Rally for Democracy on Sunday, and nonviolent direct action for a Congress of Conscience on Monday. For information and to sign up, see [info@democracyawakening.org](mailto:info@democracyawakening.org).

~~ by Monica Greene

## The New Emergency Family Shelter Has Opened!

The Religious Coalition celebrated the opening of their new daytime location for residents of the Emergency Family Shelter. Families now have the former parsonage of the Asbury United Methodist Church where they can store clothing and personal items and have access to life skills and job training services. The children have a fabulous playroom. A full kitchen will enable the families to prepare and eat most of their meals on-site. **The need for church volunteers to provide meals will end with our current session, March 26-April 9. (Our next session dates are July 9-22.)** If you are already a volunteer, you can sign up NOW for your evening or overnight rotation.

The keynote speaker at the open house was Karen Olsen, who developed Family Promise thirty years ago. In this model, families rotate among a group of volunteer churches each night. Those who are not employed are enrolled in classes at a day site. The Religious Coalition adapted this program for local use.

The stability of the day site location increases the opportunities for volunteers to work with the residents. Tutors are helping children with their schoolwork every Tuesday and Thursday. Volunteers could teach additional classes for adults or children –crafts, cooking or sewing perhaps. If you would like to volunteer at the day site or at ERUCC (our partner church) evenings or overnight, you must complete a volunteer application and participate in a brief training. For more information, contact UUCF's representative, Patricia Cronin at [abcpec@comcast.net](mailto:abcpec@comcast.net).



New Children's Playroom!

Forty-one families (49 adults and 75 children) have participated in this program in the 1-½ years it has been in existence. Average length of stay is 45 days.

Two new churches are preparing to enter the rotation, replacing two that have dropped out. Co-coordinator Nick Brown is still trying to recruit two additional churches.

During her remarks, Karen Olsen asked, "Can we muster the public will so that no child has to call the back seat of a car home?"

~~Patricia Cronin

## SPLIT-PLATE FOR APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>:

# Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

The [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#), (UUSC) is the social action wing of our global denomination. Through donations to aid its work, injustices in the categories highlighted below are addressed. In addition, UUSC helps when disaster strikes when first responders have left. UUSC remains with grassroots groups to make lasting improvements to the lives affected. Click [here](#) for a world map of their projects. Through UUSC, the [UU College of Social Justice](#) sponsors service-learning trips so you can learn firsthand about human rights projects around the world. Please give generously to our work.



How can we  
**HELP?**

The Social Action Committee (SAC) will soon choose our split-plate (s-p) recipients for next year. Splitting the offertory the third Sunday of each month enabled us to donate \$6,678.53 to worthy nonprofit groups from July 2015-March 2016. The SAC requests your ideas as they choose which charities will be helped next year. **The deadline for idea submissions is April 17.**

**How can I help?** If you know a nonprofit group you feel deserves UUCF support, get a form from the SAC atrium cabinet or download it at [frederickuu.org](http://frederickuu.org). Submit the completed application to [betsybainbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:betsybainbridge@yahoo.com) or leave a copy in the church office.

**How does the SAC decide which charities to support?** Individual SAC members vet applications and then meet as a committee to discuss and select next year's 12 nonprofits that best represent UU principles. Preference is usually given to UU groups, to small local groups in the tristate area (i.e., not only Frederick), and to groups known by individual members.

**What is my responsibility if my applicant is selected?** Publicity for the designated month is the responsibility of both you and a representative of the nonprofit, with help from the SAC.

**Can the SAC use the money collected for other projects?** Split-plate offerings are pass-through donations sent directly to the organization. The SAC never sees or touches this money and cannot use it to fund other causes, no matter how worthy. *We want your split-plate money to make a difference with nonprofit groups you recommend!*



## Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

On March 12 Monica Greene and I attended a meeting of [UUs for Social Justice](#) in the National Capital Region. It was like a visit with ten different social justice chairs in one afternoon! We found out what a number of congregations are doing to further UU principles and got some excellent ideas for our Social Action Committee (SAC). The afternoon was literally action packed, as we shared information.

One well-attended break-out group focused on how to gain ministerial support for their social action projects. Monica and I decided no need to join this group.

Instead, Monica attended the group on advocacy and was excited to learn that UUSJ will provide advocacy training to prepare UU members to visit national and state legislators. We plan to follow up on their offer to give us some practical “how to” advice. Another tidbit of information: If legislators get even 10 letters on an issue, they consider the topic relevant.

I attended a session on funding and learned many congregations, like UUCF, have split-plate, or share-the-plate, collections, and a budgeted line item for social justice programs (which the SAC hopes UUCF will increase for the next budget year). Some have a designated pledge for social action work during their annual pledge drive. More quick ideas that apply to a variety of UUCF committees:

- [Faithify](#) is a UUA online donation program used to fund single, one-time projects through their large audience outside a single congregation.
- UUA grants are awarded through four Funds with distinct priorities and guidelines. Information is at <http://www.uua.org/giving/funding>.

We left feeling our committee is successfully carrying out some projects that even much larger congregations, like Cedar Lane with over 700 members, are doing. Join us at the third Tuesday of each month, 5:30pm, to build for future social action success; email [SAC@frederickuu.org](mailto:SAC@frederickuu.org) for more info and the next month’s agenda.

~~Mary Bowman Kruhm

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### Another Successful Book Sale! \$716.60 Raised for Social Action Work!

Phyllis Liddell, chairperson of our three UUsed Book Sales to benefit the Social Action Committee, called the March 19-20 sale “very successful” and noted the volunteers were “a powerful group.” Many thanks to Nancy Hutchins, Dave Hutchins, Patricia Cronin, Betsy Bainbridge, Steve Ramberg, Holly and Stu Shifren, Lynne Wolf, Monica Greene, Carole Larson, Faithe McCreery, Sue Thomson, Jane Ladner, Joan Deacon and Jeannette Bartelt.

We also want to thank all the donors and buyers of the books. If any donor would like a receipt for tax purposes, just ask for one at the office. Phyllis also said she “bought three times the books I donated, so color me a happy camper. Book sales are such great fun!”

Patricia, with help from volunteers in loading unsold books, delivered them to Frederick’s *Girl Scout Used Book Store*. Phyllis took special books to the *ReStore*, which gratefully carried them in and was looking up their value on the computer when she left after shopping there. To be noted, Phyllis bought a nice wood file cabinet and more books!

The Social Action Committee plans this fund-raiser as an annual event. So save your books to recycle for our spring 2017 UUsed Book Sale!

~~Mary Bowman-Kruhm

**Next Social Action Committee Meeting—April 19, 2015, 5:30pm,  
brown bag meal at 5pm**

Email [SAC@frederickuu.org](mailto:SAC@frederickuu.org) if you would like copy of draft agenda

# The Green Corner

~~Karen Russell

**Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session ends Monday, April 11. Update on bills.**

## Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act (GGRA)

House Bill (HB)610

Senate Bill (SB)323

Passed the house by a vote of 101-37. Now in the Senate, assigned to the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Synopsis (from the MD General Assembly website: [www.mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://www.mgaleg.maryland.gov))

Repealing the termination date for a provision of law requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 25% from 2006 levels by 2020; requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 40% from 2006 levels by 2030; requiring the Department of the Environment to submit specified plans to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before specified dates; requiring the Maryland Commission on Climate Change to oversee a study of the economic impact of requiring specified reductions from the manufacturing sector; etc.

## Clean Energy Jobs - Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Revisions

HB1106

SB921

This bill has become the [Clean Energy--Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards Revision Bill, HB1106](#). The House leadership removed the provisions of the original bill that provided for a fund to support workforce development and minority and women-owned businesses in the clean energy sector. They plan to include these provisions in a separate, comprehensive workforce bill.

It was passed by the House with a veto-proof majority of 92-43. As of 3/22/16, the bill is being heard in the Senate Finance Committee. It must pass through the [Senate Finance Committee](#), before being heard in the full Senate.

What is somewhat confusing about these two bills is that they both include a provision to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25% from 2006 levels by 2020. Existing law requiring the State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2022 expires this year. This law has enforcement language.

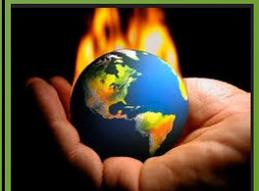
It is important to contact our senators to express support for these bills, to keep us on track to reduce emissions. Please be aware that the session ends on April 11. Go to <http://www.mdelect.net/> for your senator's name and contact information.

The Climate Change Working Group will meet Saturday, April 2nd, from 10:00am - Noon in rooms 113-115.

The topic for discussion will be Transition Initiatives. For background, here's a link to a slide presentation that Karen Russell gave to the Sustainability Frederick commission on Wednesday, March 16. This slide presentation will be placed on the Sustainability Frederick website; however, you can also access it [here](#). On the web page, click on the "open" button to see a narrative.

For more information, go to [TransitionUS.org](http://TransitionUS.org) and download *The Transition Handbook* or the *Transition Primer*.

Contact: Karen Russell [1ceramicat@comcast.net](mailto:1ceramicat@comcast.net) or 301-834-3884.



# PICTURES

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ODARA Concert and UUCF Benefit raised \$1,429.00

Coffee House Participants



To listen, [Down to the River to Pray](#)  
Click on Links: [Still I Rise](#)



Youth Sunday: Choice and Consequences



Music Sunday: *Les Misérables*



Stewardship Congregational Dinner Speakers



Lora Powell-Haney, DRE



Deb Int Veldt, Choir Director



Jim Langley, Stewardship



# Blanche Ames Gallery Presents



## REBECCA GRACE JONES, ACRYLIC PAINTINGS

Artist Talk and Reception  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
12:30 until 2:00pm  
Show runs until April 24



Rebecca was born in Hagerstown, MD in the 1950s into a creative family. In college she trained to be a commercial artist and spent the first two decades of her professional career as a freelance illustrator and graphic designer. She also taught at her alma mater, Towson University, for twelve years.

In the 1990s, due to a lack of enthusiasm for doing artwork on the computer which was taking over her field, she made the switch to fine craft. It was in 2014 Rebecca that started to paint for herself and found that it was a direction that felt most authentic to her.

Rebecca describes her unique approach to painting thus: The first thing I think about when starting a piece is allowing the character of each layer I apply to show through beneath the last, so that the surface is interesting and complex. I often scrape, sand, scratch and score the material, as well as cover over areas to start again. When that stage feels complete I then let the painting tell me what features it wants me to emphasize, what components it wants me to add, so that it can come into being as its unique self.

Plan to enjoy seeing Rebecca's paintings and come to the artist talk and reception to hear her story.



## Kol Ami Member Donates Print

Have you noticed the stunning new art work in the office? Our congregation has been given a beautifully framed print of an original woodcut entitled "In My Father's House There Are Many Mansions." The piece represents the many religious traditions of the world and is the work of Irving Amen, an internationally recognized artist and teacher.

Amen's positive attitude, love of humankind and religious background emanate from his works the world over. We are grateful to Carolyn Plaisance, Kol Ami representative to the Frederick School of Religion, for this beautiful donation to our congregation. Kol Ami Reform Jewish Congregation is a renter of our building and a collaborator with us in many social actions dear to us both.

**UUMAC** – Click [here](#) to learn all about it!

Are you looking for a summer vacation option that will be fun, rejuvenating, multi-generational, and affordable? The Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community (UUMAC) '16 will be held July 10-16 near Allentown, PA. It is many things—a spiritual retreat, a family summer camp, an institute for learning and exploration, a weeklong party and reunion of kindred souls. We play games and instruments, sing, listen, discuss, learn, worship, visit, laugh, work, eat, (and sometimes sleep), dance and nosh at Night Owls, and paint faces and toenails at the Carnival. UUMAC is intentionally a multi-generational community, and programming is a balance of activity according to age grouping and across age barriers. Children, teens and adults each have programming geared to their interests. As well, ages mingle for off-campus trips, and evening activities.

~Sabrina Smith, enthusiastic participant!

**IN OUR HEARTS**

UUCF member Ginny Spencer died peacefully on Friday, February 26.



Ginny always had a smile, a word of support, and a witty response. We will sorely miss her. Her memorial will be April 2 at 2pm at our church.

On March 7 two of our members lost loved ones, Carol Antoniewicz's sister died of breast cancer and Roger Smith's father from complications of Alzheimer's. We love you and support you in your healing.

**UUCF BOOK CLUB**

The UUCF book club will meet on Friday, April 22, at 7:30 at the home of the Bengalis in Adamstown. The book we will be discussing is *Just Mercy* by Brian Stevenson. Many of us will have been to the Weinberg Center the preceding night to hear the author discuss this book in his lecture. This will be a very interesting meeting and we hope you will join us. If you need directions to the Bengali home, they can be reached at 301-874-2519 or [zakirbengali@hotmail.com](mailto:zakirbengali@hotmail.com).

~Fanny Johnsson

**Women's Brunch**



**Retired UU Ladies Eating Out**

Wegman's Food Lounge  
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 10:15am

Wegmans has an incredible variety of cooked and prepared foods, plus a wonderful eating lounge with comfy chairs.

We welcome any UU lady who has the time to brunch.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**MOVING SALE**

**April 9, 8:30-3:00:** furniture, garden tools, teak patio furniture and umbrella, dishes, craft materials, some antiques and miscellaneous stuff.

6660 Coldstream Drive (Lake Linganore) New Market, MD  
Diane Shuey

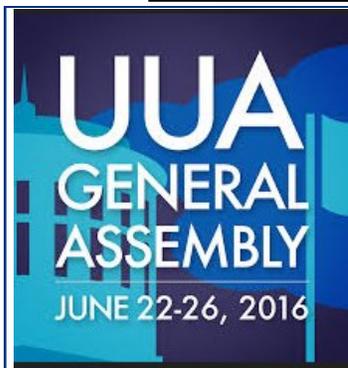
**2016 Joseph Priestley District – District Assembly  
Congregations in Covenant: Living the Interdependent Web  
April 8-9, 2016  
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**Featuring Keynote Speaker, UUA Moderator, Jim Key  
with Featured Musical Performance by Emma's Revolution  
On the agenda will be a vote in support of the plan for  
regionalization. To learn more, go to:  
[CERG](http://CERG)**



**APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Irene Zmitrovic; 4<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Myers; 7<sup>th</sup> – Cynthia Wood; 9<sup>th</sup> – Matthew Bertram; 12<sup>th</sup> – Debbie Couture; 13<sup>th</sup> – Mark Gaffigan, Russell O'Keefe, Marshall Pennak; 16<sup>th</sup> – Rory Cosham; 17<sup>th</sup> – Gabriel Johnson; 19<sup>th</sup> – Marney Bruce; 25<sup>th</sup> – Meara Pennak; 26<sup>th</sup> – Tibby Middleton, Nick Schlepp; 27<sup>th</sup> – Lydia Hadfield, Ginny Laughlin; 28<sup>th</sup> – Owen Powell; 29<sup>th</sup> – Sal DiMaria; and 30<sup>th</sup> – Sydney Frazier.



## **Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect**

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)).

Details at [uuu.org/ga](http://uuu.org/ga).

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