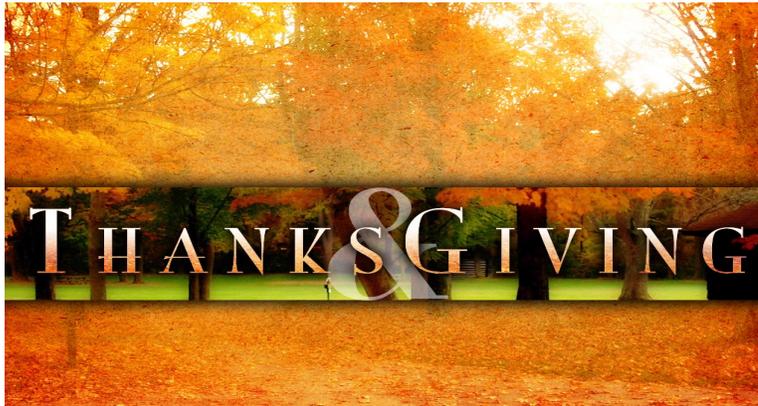


UNISON



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A Welcoming Congregation



We owe everything we have at UUCF to the efforts of all of us. We give our time, treasure, and talent in order to see our congregation thrive. Together we have created a thoughtful, caring, inclusive and dynamic community

For this we are thankful.

Auction

Wear Your Favorite Hat and Crazy Socks

Get your Dinner Tickets in the Atrium Sunday!

Auction Set-up, Friday November 4, 2016

Auction, **Saturday, November 5, 2016**

Kids are Free

Tickets are only \$10 for Ages 15 and up

4:00 - 6:15 pm Silent Auction

5:00 - 6:00 pm Dinner (BYOB)

6:00 - 6:45 pm Musical Entertainment

by Private Story and the Escorts

6:45 - 7:00 pm Early Check-out

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 pm Live Auction

Contact John Menke <john@menkescientific.com>

or Scott Norris <senorris1@icloud.com>

COOKS, SERVERS, HELPERS!

Saturday 2-5:30pm. Kitchen helpers 6:15-6:45pm.

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\$6.00



Bill & Lisa
Bromfield



Lark Rize

**November 12
7:00pm**

Celebration of Acoustic Music Concert

Find more activities to enjoy in the following pages.

A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon inspired by my colleague The Rev. Nathan Walker's new book **Cultivating Empathy: The Worth and Dignity of Every Person — Without Exception**. Nate commends to us the practice of the moral imagination: "the ability to anticipate or project oneself into the middle of a moral dilemma or conflict and understand all the points of view."

CARL'S COLUMN

Rev. Carl Gregg



Afterward a number of you asked me about the related poem I shared during the benediction titled "Out Beyond Ideas" by the 13th-century Sufi mystic Jalalad-Din Muhammad Rumi:

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and righting,
there is a field. I'll meet you there.
When the soul lies down in that grass,
the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase each other
doesn't make any sense.

(For anyone for whom this poem particularly resonates, you may also appreciate an album released about decade ago titled "Out Beyond Ideas" by the singer-songwriter David Wilcox that sets this Rumi poem as well as a number of related mystical poems to music.)

Regarding the meaning of this poem, author, educator, and activist Parker Palmer has written, "I'm not making a case for the kind of anti-intellectualism that disdains facts and reason. That path, too, leads to ruin. I'm saying that it's more important to be in right relationship than it is to be right. Only when we are in right relationship can we hang in with one another long enough to come to a rough consensus about 'what is' and 'what ought to be.'" I appreciate this vision of one path toward building the Beloved Community. And I'm grateful to be with you on this journey.

Peace to you,

Carl

<minister@frederickuu.org>

NEW



"Soulful Sundown" Vespers Service

Wednesday, November 2, 2016
at 6:45 - 7:15pm.

Join Rev. Carl and Deb Int Veldt for a contemplative service of singing and silence, meditative reading and candle lighting on the theme of gratitude.

**2nd Annual Multi-faith Community
Thanksgiving Service
hosted by Evangelical Reformed United
Church of Christ
11 West Church Street
Monday, November 21, 2016
7pm**



SUNDAY at UUCF

Services

9:30 and 11:30am

November 6: *Our Declaration*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

November 13: *No Permanent Waves*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

November 20: *Privilege*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

November 27: *UU Spiritual Practice*, Hannah Roberts Villnave, Annapolis Intern Minister



EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY

Facebook link: [CUUPS](#)

Our Earth-centered Spirituality Group meets on the **3rd Sunday of each month in the Chapel at 10:30am**. 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 November 20th meeting. Contact: Irene Glasse (irene.glasse@gmail.com) (240) 405-6389.

FRIENDLY FORUM

10:30-11:20am

Each Sunday the Friendly Forum meets in room 113 for 50 minutes to discuss Congregational and/or Current Events. FF has welcomed participants for decades and remains a primary gathering for those wanting to learn and discuss in a presentation/discussion context.

Come join us!



UUCF BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

NOVEMBER BRINGS A NEW SCHEDULE,
and a NEW BOOK

"In practice, the eightfold path is not a linear trajectory from A to Z, but a complex feedback loop that constantly needs to be renewed and restored." Stephen Bachelor

We begin a new book as the basis for our sharing and discussion on November 13: *The Heart of the Revolution* by Noah Levine. We revisit the basic teachings of Buddhism from the perspective of Noah Levine, described as "among the most dynamic and effective of the new generation of Dharma teachers."

NEW SCHEDULE: Meditation beginning at 10:30am, followed by discussion from 11:00 to approximately 11:45am. This schedule allows full participation in the UUCF 9:30am service. We will continue to meet the second and fourth Sunday of each month, with occasional additional meetings as announced. November meetings are November 13 and November 27.

Newcomers are always welcome to attend and fully participate. Reading ahead in the book may be helpful to you, but not a prerequisite for your participation.

If you would like to be added to the Buddhist Fellowship email list, please contact Nancy Hutchins at nhutchins471.comcast.net.

OPEN CIRCLE

Second and Fourth Sundays 12:45-2pm, Room 124, Nancy Pace, facilitator

Open Circle is a friendly, welcoming drop-in group offering an ever-changing variety of topics for dialogue. Bring coffee and snacks if you wish. If you come in late or leave early that is OK.

Our discussions are structured so that everyone who wants to speak on the chosen topic has that opportunity. We then get into a lively open group discussion. In hearing from our diverse group, we discover commonalities, connections, and new perspectives.

UUCF GROUPS

AHA ATHEISTS, HUMANISTS, AGNOSTICS

November 6 and 20 at 12:30pm.
We meet in the Chapel
Always challenging discussions!

Phyllis Liddell at phyllis.elaine@comcast.net

UU PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Continuing with a seminar/study model, Tuesdays at 1 pm through November 22 in Room 113: the DVD lecture series by John Dominic Crossan ([Biography](#)), "Violence Divine: Overcoming the Bible's Betrayal of its Non-Violent God," supplemented by Crossan's recent book, *How to Read the Bible & Still be a Christian* (or a Unitarian Universalist). Please contact Sea Raven (searaven.morse@gmail.com).



The Dismantling Racism Team meets monthly, the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 10:30am in Room 115. All are welcome.

To be added to our email list, email us at DRTUUCF@gmail.com and 'Like' us on Facebook: [facebook.com/DRTUUCF](https://www.facebook.com/DRTUUCF).

Sip'nStitch

Wednesday, November 9, 6pm. Bring good conversation and something to add to potluck. Sipping and stitching optional. 2602 Pearson Dr., Frederick, 21702. Not on GPSs; contact Mary Kruhm, writer@marybk.com, for specific directions.



Animal Rights Ministry

Save Your Pumpkins! Before you throw out your pumpkins and gourds, please bring them with you on Sunday, November 6th and Sunday the 13th to donate to the rescued farm animals at Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary. We will be collecting them on the porch right outside the atrium doors. The Animal Rights Ministry will pick them up and take them to the sanctuary each week. We can only accept non-carved and non-decorated pumpkins.

The Animal Rights Ministry invites you to a vegan Thanksgiving potluck event surrounded by over 200 rescued farm animals at Poplar Spring. Put Saturday, **November 19, noon-4pm** on your calendar! We honor all life and all beings by dining WITH the turkeys and chickens. After eating, everyone will feed the donated pumpkins to the pigs. This is a **family friendly event**. Here is the link: <http://www.animalsanctuary.org/events/2015-events/>. Please RSVP to Amie LaPorte at animalrights@frederickuu.org.

Also, save Saturday, **December 10th** for a **vegan holiday potluck** at the home of Amie LaPorte. Come out and meet others who share your views on compassion and enjoy a delicious spread of vegan goodies. Please RSVP to animalrights@frederickuu.org.

The Animal Rights Ministry will be hosting Dr. Michael Greger this coming spring. Dr. Greger is a physician, author and internationally recognized speaker on a number of important public health issues. He is the founder of the 501c3 nonprofit NutritionFacts.org, a science-based, non-commercial website providing free daily videos and articles on the latest discoveries in nutrition. Stay tuned for more information!

UUCF BOOK CLUB

The UUCF book club will be on Friday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 at Nancy and Dave Hutchins, 6890 Crabapple Ct.

Our book for November is *The Elephant Whisperer* by Lawrence Anthony and journalist Graham Spence.

Anthony is determined to save a small herd of disruptive South African elephants destined to be shot. In the process, he discovers secrets about elephants never before known. An amazing story.

Contact Fanny Johnsson at fjohnsson@comcast.net or call her at [301-644-5907](tel:301-644-5907) for more information.

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

Retired UU Men Eating Out (RUUMEO)

1st and 3rd Wednesday Every Month!!

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 2, 8:00am at Barbara Fritchee's on Rte. 40.

Contact Dave Hutchins if you have questions. (301) 667-4267, <dhutchins471@comcast.net>

Retired UU Ladies Eating Out (RUULEO)

2nd Tuesday Every Month!! Election Day this November!

Any UU woman who is free to enjoy lunch, come on over to Wegman's Food Lounge. See old friends or meet new ones.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 11:30am

Wegman's has an incredible variety of cooked and prepared foods, plus a wonderful eating lounge with comfy chairs. No prior notice or verification needed. Just come on in and look for us in the lounge.

Contact Marj Mansfield if you have questions (301) 693-6195.

WE NEED MORE HELP FOR THE AUCTION DINNER!

Saturday afternoon, Nov 5, we need several more adept cooks to finish preparing our delicious meal. No chopping or slicing, but we do need to heat up dishes, cook pasta and potatoes, assemble salads, make fresh dressings, and keep everything warm until serving time. If you can spare some time between 2 and 5 pm, please communicate with Nancy Roblin at nancy.roblin@gmail.com, or 301 662 8506.

Also, we need several volunteers to come into the kitchen right after the dinner - from 6:15 to 6:45 - to tidy up the kitchen, wash some pots and bowls, and make everything neat again. We will not be washing dishes or utensils! Please let Nancy know if you can come in and help.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! CHILI AND CAROLS!! SAVE THIS DATE!!!

On Sunday evening, December 18, we are celebrating the season with a Holiday Chili Potluck and Carol Sing. Do you remember being a small child learning these wonderful carols and marveling that the grown-ups all seemed to know the words? Singing carols can be one of life's great childhood memories.

We will need a set-up crew to come at 4, and the potluck dinner will begin at 5:30. Then we'll all enjoy a traditional carol-sing along with some terrific desserts. Please plan on coming and bringing CHILDREN of all ages!

Contact Nancy Roblin, of the Social Events Committee, if you can help set up, or can bring a favorite chili dish or dessert: nancy.roblin@gmail.com.

Notes from the President

Steve Berté

President of the Board of Trustees



Your Board of trustees held its October meeting on the 20th of the month. Here's a summary of what transpired to help keep you aware of what we're up to!

The Stewardship Committee presented its 2017-2018 Plan to the Board. The Plan outlines a strategy for addressing the need to increase giving to support our Facilities Manager and to enable our Music Director to develop and lead the children's choir indefinitely. As you may recall, both positions are supported by challenge grants. To sustain the positions at their current levels into the future, we'll need to find new sources of additional income. You'll be hearing more about this in the future. The Stewardship Committee's Plan is available in the Board Handouts area of our Documents and Records section of our website.

The Board got a brief update on the proposed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvement project we are considering for our entry area that I've mentioned in previous notes. The project is still in the planning stage as Facilities and Finance work to optimize the approach used by the contractor or contracting team that will do the work.

Reverend Megan Foley, our primary contact from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) Central East Region (CER), visited to meet the entire Board and introduce herself to us. Her purpose was to ensure we were aware of the assistance that is available to us from the CER. You may be aware that the UUA decided several years ago to move from a district structure (in which UUCF was part of the Joseph Priestley District) to a regional structure (in which we are part of the CER). The shift in structure serves to reduce administrative overhead & empower CER leaders to better support the congregations under their

service umbrella. The new structure makes our UUA contribution dollars go farther and have greater impact.

For example, as a result of this shift, Rev Foley now supports about 25 congregations rather than nearly 80 for which she was responsible under the district structure. All that means she, and her peers, can provide more hands on advice and support. As our primary contact, she is our entry point for any assistance we might seek from UUA. If she is not the right point of contact on an issue, she will know who is and will connect us to them. We provided Megan a tour of the facility before she departed and invited her back during the daytime so she can fully appreciate the beauty of our facility and grounds! For more information about, and resources from, the CER, you can find it on the UUA website under the UU Directory at <http://www.uua.org/central-east>.

Dick Roblin, a co-chair of the UUCF 2020 Project, gave us an update on the team's progress. I've mentioned this project in prior notes. See my related article on p. 8 in this edition of the *Unison* for more details.

Reverend Carl continued with his series of open question issues providing the Board with insight into the changes associated with our congregation's growth from pastoral (50-150 people each Sunday) to program size (150-400+ people/Sunday) congregation. We are now a program size congregation and still growing. This month we considered how staffing needs change as a congregation grows. We are already in the process of responding to growth as we've added a part time facilities manager and increased our music director's hours in recent years. What we began to consider this month was how else our staff might need to grow in the future. This relates to the UUCF 2020 project in that part of the team's remit is to consider the impacts of growth on our staffing needs. We'll continue considering

impacts of UUCF growth monthly to expand our knowledge to address possible changes we may need to make to meet our Congregation's needs as we grow.

Finally, the Board continued its ongoing effort to update UUCF ByLaws. Only the congregation can change the ByLaws, but it falls to the Board to propose changes for the Congregation to consider at our annual meeting in the Spring. We are doing an extensive review to ensure our ByLaws are up to date and meeting our needs and have concluded our initial review of ByLaws Articles I-VI.

I have posted the first set of proposed updates on our website for folks to be able to see what we will be proposing for the congregation to vote on at our annual meeting in June. My intent is to post a document with deleted/moved text shown in strikethrough font and new text in blue underlined font. Most changes will have a comment box explaining our rationale for the suggested changes. Note that some comments will have my name on them only because I have taken the lead in doing the editing of the document. All changes are the Board's consensus recommendations. As I've indicated in the past, our intent is to enable discussion of the proposed changes well in advance of the June vote. We can do that in several ways one of which might be discussions during the mid-hour between services on Sunday.

You can find the Board's proposed Bylaws updates on our website at frederickuu.org/RevisingBylaws. This will take you directly to the Members / Documents and Records / Records / Revising Bylaws area of our site. Feel free to review the proposed updates and let us know if there are any points you'd like explained further or if you'd like to have a discussion about them!

That's it for this month. Hope you are finding these updates informative and useful.

FISCAL NOTES as of SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

General Operating Fund	YTD through September (25% of year)	% of Budget	Annual UUCF Budget
Contributions:	\$193,587		\$405,419
All Other Income:	\$13,947		\$89,891.00
Total Income:	\$207,534	42%	\$495,310.00
Employee/Staff Expense:	\$64,495		\$251,186.00
Facilities Expense:	\$42,725		\$176,144.00
All other Expenses:	\$15,709		\$67,980.00
Total Expenses:	\$122,929	25%	\$495,310.00
Difference (Net):	\$84,605		

One Quarter complete: We have finished the first quarter of our congregation's fiscal year, and as you can see above, our expenses are exactly that (25%). Revenue is ahead because of the many members who make their entire pledge payment at the beginning of the year rather than in monthly or weekly gifts all year round. We welcome whatever payment schedule suits your family's situation, but certainly appreciate having funds available "up front" at the start of the year.

Paying some big bills: UUCF's expenses in September require us to write some large checks, such as our semi-annual insurance bill (to Church Mutual, our carrier for liability insurance and workman's comprehensive insurance) and our dues to sustain the national and regional UUA organizations. We make these dues payments quarterly. We're proud that our congregation's fiscal situation is healthy, allowing us to pay our dues regularly and in full (some of us recall years when that was not the case for UUCF.....).

Split Plate: In September, UUCF's Split Plate brought in \$861 to support programs at The Asian American Center of Frederick. The Center offers citizenship classes, English language classes, etc. Our gift helps make these services available at no cost to participants. In October, our Split Plate raised \$932 for UU advocacy at the United Nations. Thank you. Your generosity is amazing!

Thank you! Meg Menke, Treasurer

Blanche Ames Gallery Presents

FIBER, FABRIC, FELT, AND THREAD

BY JOANNE BAST



Opening Reception

Sunday, November 6
12:30pm.

The public is invited to Joanne's discussion of her art followed by a reception with refreshments provided by the artist.

Color and color transitions are the primary focus of Joanne's beautiful and carefully constructed pieces of hand or machine embroidery, felting and/or beadwork. She uses thread, beads and fabrics as if they were paint, overlaying and shading with hundreds of closely hued colors. Joanne often sees and expresses more colors than are technically existent in the actual subject and delights in moving from one color or shape to another. She has recently expanded into oil painting, again focusing on color and texture.



RE World
Lora Powell-Haney
Director of Religious Education



Notes from Liberal Religious Educators Association
Fall conference, San Diego, California

We are addressing tough topics: money, death, sexuality, race. I will write about those learnings next month; I would like to share some of what I found most compelling during the pre-conference workshop on Family Ministry.

This resource is a brand-new program; I think it would be a good series for lay and professional leaders to work through as they consider ways to bring a congregation into an intentional family ministry model.

We explored what we mean by "families": what families do we serve already, what makes a family, how many types of family can we identify.

We talked about "church as family" and the implications--positive and negative--of looking at a faith community in that way.

We worked through ministry to families, within families, and by families. We asked what each piece looks like, could look like, and how shared ministry teams could support all three types of family ministry.

We took some time to dream up and make a plan for something concrete to bring home for families in our congregations. I have a nearly-complete, detailed plan for a series of Mindful Evenings!

Our final session asked us to vision congregational life if our mission statement was: "The mission of this UU congregation is nurturing generations of Unitarian Universalist."

I am excited about the possibilities to strengthen and deepen some of the current programming we offer at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, but also to reframe some things to make opportunities for multiple generations to create healthy, meaningful relationships together.

UUCF 2020: Planning for Growth

By Stephen Berté

Your Board of Trustees (BoT) has just initiated a long term project entitled: "UUCF 2020: Planning for Growth". Thanks are due to Dick Roblin who submitted an initial concept paper proposing we should start planning now for facilities growth we may need in the future. The Board expanded the concept to encompass other impacts resulting from congregation growth and has commissioned a team of volunteers to start looking into this important issue.

The purpose of this strategic effort is to gather data, analyze it, and present a written report to the BoT recommending the next steps forward in identifying ways UUCF can accommodate our congregation as it continues to grow. The study will consider potential changes in the size of UUCF facilities as well as operational changes that might delay the need for capital investment in new facilities. We will use an open-minded approach to this issue that will facilitate collecting pertinent data and exploring a wide range of potential solutions.



The first study team to kick off the planning effort is comprised of Dick Roblin & Jeff Wilson (Co-Chairs), Tara Scibelli, Karen Reilly, Stan Schlepp, and John Menke. The team will deliver its final report to the Board in January 2017. The Board does not intend that this initial report will provide a definitive solution. Rather, it will recommend a path forward based on initial information, analyses, and recommendations on courses of action the BoT may consider in planning follow on studies and activities. The Board expects that it will take an ongoing effort to develop our plan for responding to our congregation's growth. However, it is not our intention that the initial volunteers need to remain on the team beyond the initial term of this project. We'll be soliciting replacements for some or all of the team members by year's end.

The team's initial focus will be to brainstorm a wide variety of factors, assumptions, and implications associated with congregational growth, not the least of which is trying to project a realistic growth curve. We certainly won't continue to grow forever so we don't want to make investments in buildings or personnel if they are not needed. That is why it is so important to open with a period of brainstorming all the factors we need to take into consideration. As I mentioned above, potential facilities growth is only one facet that may follow from congregational growth. We also need to consider potential personnel, schedule, and operating procedures changes we could take to help delay, avoid, or reduce the size of facilities improvements.

Stay tuned for updates as we progress. Please also consider serving on this team in the New Year as we look to replace members from the initial phase.

Social Action Committee

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

Mary Kruhm and Betsy Bainbridge, Co-Chairs



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

There will be an introductory class on Zero Waste from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 9 at the Arc At Market Street in Frederick, in cooperation with the Sierra Club and Envision Frederick County. The lively, interactive class will be taught by nationally known expert Gary Liss.

Decision makers, municipal staff, haulers, recyclers, composters, reuse organizations, nonprofits and Zero Waste enthusiasts are all welcome, and group discounts are available.

Registration is \$125 per person, \$150 after October 26, and includes lunch. Register at www.zerowasteusa.org.



FAITH and the ENVIRONMENT

A conference will be held from Sunday evening, November 13 to November 15 in the inspiring setting of the Claggett Center, 3055 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710. Speakers include the Rev. Canon Sally G. Bingham, president Interfaith Power & Light, Josh Tulkin, executive director Maryland Sierra Club, Bill McKibben, environmentalist and author (by video), and Ms. Kim Coble from Chesapeake Bay Restoration. Meals will be provided and varieties of lodging are available; registration starts at \$149.

What do our UU principles have to do with the environment? Where do the two intersect? When is it our responsibility to take action? Join us for these important conversations.

You may register at the website, www.claggettcenter.org/attend/14, or call the Claggett Center, (301)874-5147.

Solar Panel Buying Opportunity

The Frederick County Government is offering the chance to join a solar panel buying co-op that is intended to increase the customers' buying power by offering vendors a large group of buyers.

Maryland Solar United Neighborhoods (MD SUN) recently got a grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to administer a bulk buying program. The organization will offer one program which will be available to those who qualify. The co-op will be seeking bids from potential vendors the first week of November, with the selection expected to be finalized by December 5th. The co-op plans to close the opportunity to sign up by the end of February, 2017.

There are Federal tax incentives that encourage the purchase of solar panels, plus a modest grant from the Maryland Energy Administration. The second of several information meetings will be held at the Middletown Town Hall, 31 W. Main St on Wednesday, November 9th at 7 PM. For more information, contact Lisa Orr at the county's Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources (lorr@frederickcountymd.gov).

Join the Social Action Committee when it meets on November 15, 5:30pm, UUCF, room 113. Several of us come with our bag lunch at 5pm. Contact SAC@frederickuu.org for a draft agenda or more information.

Climate Change Working Group Update

The month of October was dedicated to passing a county-wide Fracking Ban. Monica Greene, Jane Ladner and Jeannette Bartelt, Nile and Katy Oldham, Irene Zmitrovic and other citizens congregated at Winchester Hall to deliver 1200 petitions to the county council. Tracy Renaud and Thia Wood staffed a table at Frederick's IN THE STREET event to collect petition signatures. This effort is part a larger effort with citizens of other counties, particularly Allegany and Garrett, to pass a statewide ban in the next legislative session. The current moratorium ends in October, 2017.

Working with the [Chesapeake Climate Action Network](#), the [Sierra Club](#) and [Food & Water Watch](#) (members of the Don't Frack Maryland coalition), Karen Russell met with County Council President Bud Otis to present a local resident's position against fracking. She also attended [County Executive Gardner's Town Hall meeting](#), along with at least 17 other concerned citizens who were against fracking and learned that the fracking transfer station that was built in Myersville, over the objections of the Myersville Town Council, could not be stopped because of the jurisdictional reach of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. After the meeting, CE Gardner showed the citizens a map indicating only a few areas in Frederick County that are vulnerable to fracking. She agreed to look into the possibility of passing a resolution against fracking.



Monica Greene, Jane Ladner, Jeannette Bartelt

Fracking releases Methane, a greenhouse gas, in the mining and distribution process. One hundred times more potent than Carbon Dioxide, it is less well-known, because it dissipates in the atmosphere after 12 years, unlike carbon dioxide, which takes hundreds of thousands. Methane continually released continually accumulates, exacerbating Climate Change. People living near fracking operations report respiratory problems, especially in children, as well as brain tumors. Fracking wells are drilled through aquifers and well casements crack, leaking benzene and other poisons into water tables. And then there are possible earthquakes, such as those in Oklahoma. The gas and oil industry promotes jobs as a reason to allow fracking; however, jobs in agriculture, recreation and tourism would be threatened. Here's a [link](#) to add your name to others who want the ban.

Climate Change Working Group

Saturday, November 12, from 10:00am – noon, in Room 113

All are welcome.

Contact Karen Russell, 1ceramicat@comcast.net.

SPLIT-PLATE OFFERING NOVEMBER 20



Student Homelessness
Initiative Partnership
of Frederick County

November's Split Plate beneficiary is new to UUCF this year: The Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP) of Frederick County. On Sunday, November 20th, half of our collection plate will go to SHIP, a non-profit public charity that provides urgent services to the hundreds of Frederick County Public School students experiencing homelessness each year.

Did you know? Student homelessness occurs throughout Frederick County -- there are 66 public schools in Frederick County and homeless students were enrolled in 61 of them at some time during last school year, in all grades and across all ethnicities. As of June 2016, the final month of the last school year, 812 students had encountered homelessness at some time during the year.

The funds we give on November 20th will help SHIP provide food, clothing, funding for extracurricular activities, and, when no other options exist, emergency shelter.

For more information on SHIP, go to www.ShipFrederick.com. Please also plan to attend Friendly Forum on Sunday, November 13th to learn how to become a SHIPmate.



"Every child deserves a Christmas."

Most of us welcome the spirit of Christmas and the opportunity to help others that comes during the holiday season. You can help by bringing unwrapped donations of new toys to the UUCF atrium bin during the month from mid-November until mid-December. All donations will stay in the local area to help Frederick families in need. In 2015, the *Toys for Tots* program distributed 26,194 toys to 3,812 children in Frederick County.

Put your *unwrapped* new toys in the atrium bin beginning November 13. Toys and games may also be donated in *original shrink wrap*. Volunteers must clearly see the contents; no gift cards, food, or toy weapons of any kind. Questions: Contact Di Creedon, SAC member & volunteer for Fort Detrick/UUCF *Toys for Tots*.

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