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Unison

Weekly Announcements

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick
4880 Elmer Derr Road
Frederick, Maryland 21703
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Two Sunday Services — 9am and 11am

October 21 – *Kindness, Hospitality, and Good Fences* – Robert Frost wrote in his poem Mending Wall that “good fences make good neighbors”. How do the practices of kindness and hospitality weave into the notion of fences and boundaries?

October 28 – *The Rich Darkness* – It is the season where growth happens within, underground. This service will explore the possibilities of the ‘rich darkness’ within each of us.

From the UUCF Director of Religious Education



The Religious Education (R.E.) Program at U.U.C.F. has been an exciting place to be these last four weeks. Attendance has been outstanding which makes classes even more interesting and fun for both teachers and attendees.

I am going to take a stroll through our wonderful space and take the opportunity to let you know what our children, youth, R.E teachers, and staff have been up to.

I'll start at our nursery. It is a great place to play for our littlest ones and if you ever need a baby fix, Miss Sue and Miss Nancy would never turn away your help.

As I walk down from the Nursery, I see about a dozen or so pirates; don't be scared, they are friendly pirates. Our PreK/K class has the world's best pirate ship. They have been busy preparing their ship to leave their port in North America and sail over the Atlantic Ocean in search of the Red Key. In the process, they have learned how each person is important (first principle). Their adventure will include finding all seven keys, visiting the seven continents, traveling seven oceans, and learning the seven principles. Where will they go next? You'll have to wait for next month's update.

I keep strolling down the hall. I stop at a room full of about a dozen first and second graders along with crazy rhymes and silly stories, like *Too Many Daves* and *King Looie Katz*. This past Sunday there were several children with tails leading each other around like a train. I didn't go in. It looked like serious business. Well maybe not too serious!

Then, right next door, there seems to be magic afoot. The third, fourth, and fifth graders are dressed in robes and swirling their magic wands in the air, choosing their houses, and learning about some wonderful mythological people and creatures. They seem to be having a blast and I do not disturb what looks like the student lounge at Hogwarts.

Did you ever wonder what happens in the youth room at the end of the hall, you know next the chapel? Well, if you did ...go in and ask them. The Y.R.U.U. are doing some amazing things. I received two great emails from Allison Butler and Merrill Ady who helped facilitate a lesson on Gender Stereotyping. They created four applicants, two men and two women,

each with a different gender identity. These “candidates” completed a general application for their “Ideal, Inc” company. Then a list of interview questions and answers were created for each of the applicants. After the interviews, they deliberated and chose one of the applicants to be a manager and one to be a secretary. Who got the job? You’ll have to ask them.

As I head back down to the sanctuary, I have one more stop - the second half of our youth, U.U. Explorers. Our middle school group is creating a meaningful interfaith journey that will stay with them on their spiritual quest. They have taken their first step on their journey by learning about Judaism. They interviewed Eva Moore about the Holocaust, and they were still talking about that when I arrived this past Sunday. On the first Friday of the month they attended a Kol Ami service. This was a special service and many unique events happened. Ask them about it. They will be happy to tell you. I sat with them while they finished up their thank you cards to Kol Ami and talked about who they would visit next. Check out our article next month to find out where they are going.

I hope you enjoyed strolling through our wonderful space with me and take as much delight in our exciting programs as I do.

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. - W. B. Yeats
Oh, how our fire glows!

**In Peace,
Brandee Carrigan**

Congregational Life

REMINDER: When you are planning to use the office facilities either for equipment use (i.e., computer or copier) or for office support (i.e., bulk mailing or copying), please coordinate this through the Office Administrator, Dottie Hall. As a rule, we need at least 5 days notice. Dottie can be reached at 301-473-7680 or office@frederickuu.org.

REMINDER: Please note that each Sunday's Order of Service now includes an insert, a weekly bulletin noting current and timely events that are sponsored by the Board through its approved councils and committees of the congregation. Also included is a weekly calendar listing of congregational events in the coming week.

To place a short announcement, of approximately 3 sentences that must include: name, phone number, and email of a contact person and time/place/date of event along with its full name (no acronyms please)- please send to our Office Administrator - Dottie Hall - at announcements@frederickuu.org or phone 301-473-7680 to speak directly with Dottie. Deadline is Wednesday at noon.

REMINDER: Are you organizing an event that the public needs to know about? Call Judith Breuer, UUCF Publicity Coordinator, at 301-416-0735 or email Judith at judithterrell@gmail.com. Just make sure you have ALL your information before you contact Judith. Let's bring people into our beautiful building so that they can discover the UU within!

THE FIRE SAFETY HOUSE from the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department will be at the church prior to the Auction on October 27 beginning at about 3:00pm. There will be brief programs and contests on kitchen safety, exiting your home in the event of fire, and how to escape from your bedroom.

THE HOGWARTS HALLOWEEN BANQUET AND AUCTION

Saturday, October 27th, 4:00pm to 10:00pm

(Come in costume and don't forget your wand!)

Tickets will be on sale on Sundays after the 9:00am and 11:00am services in the Narthex. Prices are \$20.00 per adult (includes dinner, but not beverage, except coffee) and \$5.00 per child (includes pizza, Halloween games, movie, and children's auction).

DELIVERY OF AUCTION ITEMS TO THE CHURCH

Bring auction items to the church between Sunday, October 21 and Friday, October 26 and leave them in Room 123 with your name clearly marked on the items. If you have the catalogue (available October 21), please also add the catalogue number(s) of your item(s). This will help us put the right bid sheet with your items.

Mary

HELP WANTED ON THE DAY OF THE AUCTION SATURDAY OCTOBER 27:

Want to preview all the Good Stuff that will be in our auction this year? You can be among that privileged group for the asking. The only requirement is that you be willing to donate 3 hours time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the day of the auction, Saturday, October 27, to place items on the tables along with the appropriate bid sheets. Sign up in the Narthex this week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Thank you for all the wonderful auctionable items, parties and dinners, vacation spots and excursions. With your help, our auction will be a great success this year. Mary Fletcher, Auction

THE UUCF BOOKCLUB will meet Friday, October 26th, at 7:30pm at the home of Fanny Johnsson at 5698 Barberry Ct., Frederick, in Crestwood Village. Her phone number is 301-694-5474 if you need to call for directions. The book we are reading is *The Lobster Chronicles* by Linda Greenlaw. This is non-fiction. There are several copies in the library.

LABYRINTH RITUAL

The labyrinth is a symbol of the earth, the Goddess and turning inward. As winter approaches we all turn inward as we gather round the hearth and cuddle under quilts and blankets. Join us for an evening labyrinth walk and journey towards the within.

All are welcome! - Date: Oct 30th - Time: 7:30-9pm

Where: at UUCF gathered around the labyrinth.

FRIENDLY FORUM meets every Sunday morning between services, 10:00 AM to 10:50AM in Room 113. Upcoming programs are as follows:

Oct. 21 - Should the UU First Principle be Revised? (Dick Roblin)

Oct. 28 - Global Warming (Tom Swigart and Green Sanctuary)

THE NEXT MOVIE FOR DISCUSSION this summer is the documentary *Out of Balance: Exxon-Mobile's Impact on Climate Change*, which is about how the corporate giant has influenced debates about global warming and climate change. You can read about the movie at its site: <http://www.worldoutofbalance.org/>. The discussion will be after the service, at 12:30pm, on October 21. Note the new time.

The November movie will be *Ralph Nader: An Unreasonable Man*. You can read a review of it here: www.calendarlive.com/printedition/calendar/cl-et-unreasonable9feb09,0,7138049.story. Email me at sbutki@gmail.com to let me know if you plan to attend either event or if you have any questions, thoughts or suggestions. Thanks, Scott Butki.

**Celebration of our
Community and Spirit
CONGREGATION KOL AMI
Invites You To Join Us For An Evening
To Celebrate Our New Rabbinic Leader
Rabbi Dan Sikowitz and Kol Ami's 5th Anniversary
Come celebrate our achievements!**

Saturday, November 3, 2007

7:00 o'clock in the evening

Hampton Inn Frederick

I-270 at Rt. 85

5311 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD

\$36 Per Person, Dinner and Dancing

Please RSVP by Monday, October 29, 2007

Questions: Contact Jamie Hendi at 301.695.5444 or jshendi@comcast.net

For a PDF file of this invitation that includes a mail-in form for an RSVP response, please go

to:

www.kolamifrederick.org/_kd/Items/actions.cfm?action=Show&item_id=1441&destination=ShowItem

Children and Youth

MYSTERY PALS & FRIENDS

After the October 14 Sunday service, a group of 8 Mystery Pals & friends went bowling at Terrace Lanes in Frederick. Fortuitously, a Cancer Research Fundraiser, organized as a Senior Project by a Thurmont teen, was underway. We bowled on the lanes reserved for them and helped raise a few dollars for this worthwhile project. Sue Singley was the big winner of the day. By making a strike when the special red bowling pin was on the lane, she won a free game. Later, she also won the 50/50 drawing held by the fundraiser. In polite UU fashion, each of our two teams won one game. We were especially pleased with the cute little fences all along the lanes. They prevented any balls from falling into the gutters, enabling us to hit SOMETHING on (almost) every frame. We had so much fun we're planning another bowling party, probably in January or February

Social Action

OCTOBER 27 IN COLUMBIA, UU LEGISLATIVE MINISTRY

The UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD) will hold its 3rd Annual Meeting, entitled "Raising UU Voices in Annapolis," on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00am until 1:00pm at the UU Congregation of Columbia. The morning will feature a keynote address by Delegate Elizabeth Bobo. A panel session on UULM-MD's priority issues of health care, same sex marriage, and global warming, as well as the state's fiscal situation and its impact on our priority issues, will follow. Panelists will include Senator Richard Madaleno and Delegates Heather Mizeur and Shane Pendergrass. Participants will spend time meeting in task forces on each issue in order to organize and strategize for the upcoming legislative session. Coalition partners such as Equality Maryland, Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative, and Chesapeake Climate Action Network will be present to share information and resources.

In order to continue to make an impact on legislation in Annapolis, UULM-MD needs to build its membership base and involve every congregation in the state. Please add your

voice to the many UU voices that we are raising in Annapolis. Register at www.uulmmd.org or call 410-353-5904 for more information.

JERUSALEM WOMEN SPEAK – Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision
Thursday, November 1st, 7 p.m. Don't miss it! A project of Partners for Peace, three women from Jerusalem -- Wedjan, Abir and Hagit, one Muslim, one Jewish, one Christian, present remarkable and compelling stories and personal testimonies, sharing their stories, fears and hopes for peace.

Sponsors: The Hood College Career Center & Office of Service Learning & Bonner Scholars Program with co-sponsors: Humanities Colloquium and Women in Black Frederick Present the Fall 2007 Social Visionary Speaker Series.

Location: Hood College, Rosenstock Auditorium, 401 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick
For more information: Yvette Webster, (301) 696 -3751; www.hood.edu

Green Sanctuary

FOCUS ON GLOBAL WARMING

In addition to the ongoing 6-week Tuesday evening Discussion Series on Global Warming, two UUCF activities in October, both described in detail elsewhere in this Unison, also are related to the topic of Global Warming. Now is a good time to tune in on this important topic, which affects us all - the recent announcement of the Nobel Peace Prize recipients makes it clear that the world recognizes that solving this problem is imperative to achieve world peace and harmony.

* This Sunday, October 21, UUCF's October film: *Out of Balance: Exxon-Mobile's Impact on Climate Change*.

* October 28, Friendly Forum: Discussion of Global Warming, facilitated by Tom Swigart & Chris Hodge.

OCTOBER IS FAIR TRADE MONTH

* UUCF Fair Trade Boutique will be open this Sunday Oct 21. To celebrate Fair Trade Month, we will have a special "Last Days of Summer" sale of summer merchandise (hemp, cotton hats, cotton garments, etc) in the FT corner of the Narthex. Don't miss this rare opportunity to shop discounted prices at the Boutique!

* Second and Fourth Sundays, COFFEE-ETC open.

* First and Fifth (if it occurs) Sundays of month, all sales closed.

CFLs IN STOCK

4-paks of energy-efficient 23W spirals, 4-paks of Flood CFL's, and individual candelabra CFL's are now in stock.

MAKE HALLOWEEN 2007 FAIR TRADE & ORGANIC.

If you hand out candy for Halloween, plan ahead to offer Fair Trade & organic chocolate, a sweet treat that protects people and the planet. Now you have an alternative to supporting exploitive & unfair chocolate and sugar importers at Halloween! We have fairly traded mini-bars from both Endangered Species (milk or dark chocolate) and Equal Exchange (dark chocolate) conveniently packaged for Halloween giving. Our Fair Trade chocolates are also made without any chemical additives.

By the way, these treats aren't just for kids. The Equal Exchange mini-bars have only 20 calories each, and no calories from fat - one bar makes a wonderful & yummy pick-me-up in the afternoon!

If you've already purchased chemically flavored (read the ingredients!), non-Fair Trade candy, consider returning it and buying Fair Trade instead - it's the right thing to do! Don't give kids pesticide-laced chocolate farmed by child slave labor!

For example, according to Global Exchange (www.globalexchange.org/getInvolved/actnow/nestleslavery.html), Nestle is the third largest exporter of cocoa from regions affected by forced and abusive child labor. Hershey, Nestlé, and Mars have all been criticized for sourcing cocoa from plantations that employ slave labor and trafficked child labor. As both a leading exporter of cocoa from the Ivory Coast and manufacturer of chocolate products for consumption around the world, Nestle owes a special responsibility to consumers to ensure that its cocoa is no longer produced using forced and abusive child labor. Send a message to Nestle to demand justice for cocoa child laborers. Nestles has been targeted by a number of environmental and human rights groups for its corporate practices. Get more information at <http://www.coopamerica.org/programs/rs/profile.cfm?id=269>. And Don't Buy Nestle Until Nestle Buys Fair Trade.

LEAF YOUR COMPOST & COMPOST YOUR LEAVES!

The fall season means falling leaves. Don't leaf these leaves for the trash man! Recycle and reuse your leaves by composting them. If you don't currently have a compost site, this is a great time to start one! Here is a great site on composting: www.compostguide.com.

SHOP UUCF FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS & CFLs ON LINE!

Now you can also browse and select green & fairly traded products on line - you don't have to wait for sales to open in the Narthex! Go to www.uufairtrade.org; e-mail inquiries fairtrade@frederickuu.org.

Take home a 4-pak of in-stock CFL's on Sunday, then browse on our Fair Trade website, and fill a shopping cart with myriad energy efficient CFL's to replace all the lamps in your home, including 3-way, dimmable, "daylight", "normal" bulbs, and flood lamps. The CFL catalogue page has been encoded with icons to help you find the features you are looking for.

Note about dimmable candelabra lamps - Several of you have inquired about candelabra lamps that would be suitable in fixtures with dimmers. Dimmable candelabras have been added to our website. However, if you don't need the dimmable feature, the cold cathode candelabras currently in stock are about half the price!

You can reserve in-stock fairly traded and earth-friendly merchandise that is stored off-site, and popular on-order coffee flavors that are sure to sell out, such as the special "Pumpkin Pie Spice" or "Spicy Egnog" coming soon. Additional selections of in-stock or available-to-order merchandise are being added every day.

Fair Trade and tree-friendly Holiday cards & gift-wrap, including hemp, recycled, elephant dung, and other tree-friendly papers can also be preordered. Only a limited selection of sample cards and wraps will be available at the Boutique, so pre-order yours now to avoid being disappointed. Order now while the selection is best, because some designs will sell out at the vendors (fewer than 10 weeks 'til Christmas! Double Yikes!).

Visual Arts

CRITTERS: WILDERNESS DRAWINGS BY FRANK DUVAL will be on display at the Congregation's Blanche Ames Art Gallery through October 30.

The drawings are based on Frank DuVal's direct observation of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and insects in their natural environment. Many of these "critters" were encountered during Mr. DuVal's artist-in-residence stays at Badlands National Park and Everglades National Park, while others were spotted right here in Frederick County.

"I enjoy schlepping a camera and sketchbook into the wilderness, not knowing what I will find. The outdoor environment is soothing. The hiking and slipping and splashing are invigorating. The challenge of finding and recognizing wildlife has heightened my awareness of specific critters and the overall ecosystem in which they live."

For gallery hours, please call 301-473-7680. Frank DuVal's website is www.swingdrawings.com.

"THREE ARTISTS OF FREDERICK" is the name of a show that will open at the Gallery Unicorn, located at the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, on October 28. The show features a large body of oil paintings by Barbara Kenny, and some watercolors painted by Maida Wright and by Carol Silkwood. The exhibit will run from October 28 through December 2, 2007. It opens with a reception from 2:00 – 4:00pm on Sunday, October 28, in the Gallery Unicorn. Barbara, Maida and Carol, all members of UUCF, cordially invite you to attend the reception. The gallery is at 1710 Dulaney Valley Road, Lutherville, MD 21093. Take I695 around Baltimore to exit 27B, Dulaney Valley Road. At 1.3 miles, the entrance is on the left. For further information, please call 410-377-5747 or 410-821-8361. We hope to see you there.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment

MEET THE MINISTER OVER LUNCH, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, Noon – 1:30 PM.

Take time out of your busy day for some good conversation and fellowship. Join Rev. Abigail Stockman for a midweek brownbag lunch and some spirited discussion. Rev. Abigail will introduce a specially selected topic and facilitate the discussion. Topics will be theological or spiritual, and thought-provoking too. Indicate interest by signing up in the notebook at the Religious Education station in the foyer, register on line, or email office@frederickuuu.org. The third lunch meeting will take place Wednesday, November 28.

CHALICE COMMUNITY GROUPS BEGIN MEETING

We have groups meeting at the following times (twice a month) Monday evening, Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, Thursday morning, and Saturday morning. If you are interested in being included, please email cc@frederickuuu.org or call Nancy Hutchins 301-668-8213 to get connected with the group that fits your schedule. We are facilitating shared childcare arrangements on Thursday morning and possibly Saturday morning.

Some groups have met once and others are just getting started. You are welcome to join in. Please see the brochure at the Religious Education station in the foyer.

UUCF Activities – Week of October 21, 2007

Sunday, October 21

9:00 am – Enlightenment Study Group – Chapel
9:00 am to 12:30 pm – Nursery (0-5 year); 11:00 am – Religious Education
9:00 am and 11:00 am – Worship Services
10:00 am – Friendly Forum – Room 113
10:00 am – Endowment Board of Trustees – Room 124
11:00 am – YRUU – Room 125
12:15 pm – Visual Arts Committee Meeting – Room 124
12:30 pm – The New “U” Class – Room 113
1:30 pm – CROPWALK – Off site
5:00 pm – Movie Discussion Group Meeting – Room 113

Monday, October 22

9:00 am – (Circle of Life Preschool)
5:00 pm – (A Cappella Showcase Chorus Rehearsal – Sanctuary)
7:00 pm – Global Spirits Class – Chapel
7:00 pm – (Kol Ami Meeting – Room 124)

Tuesday, October 23

9:00 am – (Circle of Life Preschool)
12:00 Noon – Meet the Minister over Lunch – Room 113
7:00 pm – Global Warming Class – Chapel
7:00 pm – Chalice Community Meeting – Room 125

Wednesday, October 24

9:00 am – (Circle of Life Preschool)
10:00 am – Chalice Community Meeting – Room 124
6:00 pm – Watercolor Class – Chapel
7:30 pm – (Religious Renegades Class – Room 124)
7:30 pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 25

Friday, October 26

7:00 pm – YRUU Movie Night – Room 125
7:30 pm – Book Club - Offsite

Saturday, October 27

9:00 am – UUCF Auction – Entire Building

Sunday, October 28

9:00 am – Enlightenment Study Group – Chapel
9:00 am to 12:30 pm – Nursery (0-5 year); 11:00 am – Religious Education
9:00 am and 11:00 am – Worship Services
10:00 am – Friendly Forum – Room 113
10:00 am – Endowment Board of Trustees – Room 124
11:00 am – YRUU – Room 125
12:30 pm – The New “U” Class – Room 113

(Parenthesis denotes an outside rental guest)

Happy October Birthdays

1st – Austin Pappos; 2nd – Steve Antosca; 3rd – Scott Butki, Emily Dean, Jocelyn Drabczyk; 7th – Briema Kerr-Atkinson, Caitlin O’Shea; 9th – Chearod Britton (Bishop); 10th – Merrill Ady; 12th – John Menke, Ian Mullen; 14th – Ann Nathan; 15th – Kailee Klipp; 17th – Jeff Ingle; 18th – Tobey Ellis; 20th – Dominick Warren; 21st – Paige Pruce; 23rd – Douglas Foard; 24rd – Ken Bertram, Leander Kuske, Cody Stalzer; 25th – Caiden Wellington; 26th – Hannah Gaffigan, Meredith Watts; 27th – Billy Engelhart; 28th – Jessica Turner.

In order to schedule a room for meetings, etc., please complete a “Calendar Reservation Form” located in the office (and next to the drinking fountains by the office door) or reserve space online at www.frederickuu.org/space_reserve.html.

As a scheduling aid, you may refer to the UUCF 3 Year Schedule of Events at www.frederickuu.org/uucf_schedule_3yr.html.

Changes should be forwarded to calendar@frederickuu.org.

Please send all announcements for our weekly newsletter, The Unison, to announcements@frederickuu.org – Deadline is Noon on Wednesday.

THE UUCF STAFF meets regularly. There is a “staff suggestion” box in the Narthex. Please either contact the staff directly or through the box. If you would like a response, please include a name and phone number and/or an email address.

Rev. Abigail Stockman – minister@frederickuu.org
Dottie Hall – office@frederickuu.org
Brandee Carrigan - education@frederickuu.org
Sue Singley – circleoflife@frederickuu.org
Alice Kleinfeld – calendar@frederickuu.org
Turner Stokes – webmaster@frederickuu.org

Dottie Hall’s Office Hours

Monday – Office is closed
Tuesday – 9:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday – 9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursday – 9:00am – 3:00pm
Friday – 9:00am – 1:00pm

Rev. Stockman’s scheduled Office

Days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her sermon writing day, and Friday her day off.

You are always welcome to drop-in, but due to meetings and other scheduled events away from the office, it is best to call first or make an appointment. She is also available to schedule appointments at other times. Rev. Stockman may be reached by phone at: 301-473-7680 or at minister@frederickuu.org.

Brandee Carrigan’s Office Hours

Monday – 9:30am – 2:30pm
Tuesday – 9:30am – 2:30pm
Wednesday – 9:30am – 2:30pm
Thursday – Home Office
9:30am – 2:30pm
Friday – Day Off

Please call in advance if you want to come in and see me, as these hours may vary.