Two Sunday Services — 9am and 11am

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<td>December 30th</td>
<td><strong>Fire Communion</strong></td>
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<td>Join us as we contemplate the New Year and share a time to re-dedicate ourselves to life-renewing, life-enhancing, Beloved Community building practices.</td>
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**Congregational Life**

**HANUKAH, CHRISTMAS, & HAJJ FESTIVAL**

**Celebrating All the Children of Abraham**

**Date:** Sunday, December 16th, 2007

**Time:** 5:30-8:30pm

**Location:** Lynfield Event Complex

10142 Hansonville Rd.
Frederick, MD 21702
(301) 898-9890

Organizing Groups

Beth Sholom, Kol Ami, Islamic Society of Frederick, St. Katherine Drexel Parish
Frederick Interfaith, Glade United Church of Christ, Unity Church
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick

Please join us for an evening celebrating the three Abrahamic faiths. The celebration will include presentations by each faith and a potluck dinner. Contact Rev. Abigail Stockman for more info at (301) 473-7680, minister@frederickuu.org

If you are interested in participating in this wonderful celebration, please let Rev. Abigail know. If you are planning to attend and bringing a potluck item, please note that everyone will be observing the following dietary observances: no pork or pork products (such as lard) and no alcohol – even in cooking. This will be a fun evening with a program of about an hour sharing from the three different traditions. Children are very welcome! Any questions, please don’t hesitate to phone or email.
A number of personal items have been left in the church and can be found in the lost-and-found box in the cloak room, together with a variety of coats. These items will eventually be disposed of, so please take a look during your next visit to the church.

There will be no Unison for Sunday, December 30th. The schedule for the week of the 30th will be in the December 23rd Unison.

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION
Celebrate the winter solstice and the return of the Sun! Our midwinter service will be Tuesday, December 18, 2007, 7:30 pm at UUCF. Walk the labyrinth in darkness then come into the lighted chapel for a short service of song and story about light coming out of darkness. Participants are asked to bring flashlights for the labyrinth walk.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING
Look for the helpers with the Santa hats on December 9th, and we will take care of your UUCF special gifts for Christmas. We offer not another demand for money but a way you can really help our congregation. If everyone actually gave $100, it would cover the deficit budget that the congregation voted to accept last June and be smooth sailing for us for the rest of this fiscal year.

WOW. Talk about a gift that keeps on giving!

DECEMBER AND JANUARY MOVIE DISCUSSIONS
I was pleased we had six people attend November's movie discussion on Ralph Nader. That's the most we've had in quite a while. As always we show a movie and then we discuss it. The December movie is Sicko, the latest movie by Michael Moore. You can read a review of it here:
The discussion will be at 12:30 pm on December 16th.
If you can't make it in person you can join an online discussion hosted by me here:

On January 21st at 12:30 pm, I'll show the movie Devil's Playground and then we can discuss that one. The documentary called Devil's Playground (The Amish term for the outside world) is about Rumsprings, a period in each Amish person's life when they turn 16 and are allowed to indulge in normally banned vices such as smoking and drinking. The movie provides a fascinating glimpse into a different culture.
You can read reviews of the movie here:
http://imdb.com/title/tt0293088/externalreviews

I will also host a discussion of that movie online here:

I've been experimenting with showing the movie after the service instead of later in the evening to see if that increases attendance. We do run into a conflict, though, every few months as the church has but one TV and DVD player. So if anyone has an extra TV and DVD they could donate to the church that would be one solution.
Scott Butki
FRIENDLY FORUM meets every Sunday morning between services at 10:00am to 10:55am in Room 113. The revised schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:
December 9th - Report on Social Justice Workshop (Carol Antoniewicz)
December 16th - The Persistence of Religious Practices (Dick Menzer)
December 23rd - Discussion of the book, Thank God for Evolution by Michael Dowd (Dick Menzer)
December 30th - Brainstorming for 2008

Children and Youth

2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT BREAK
December 15th, 1:00pm-5:00pm
Kids come and have some fun and make some gifts for your friends and family. Parents take a well-deserved break and rejuvenate.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - Forms are available in the Religious Education cabinet.
Registrations due December 9th.
Cost: Freewill Donation

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:
Children and Youth can participate in the Christmas Eve Service:
Children and youth are needed for several types of roles for the Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm. Children/Youth in grades 3-8 & senior youth can sign up for speaking parts throughout the worship service. Younger children can participate in acting portions of the service. If your children/youth are interested please submit their name(s) to Brandee Carrigan, DRE (301)-473-7680 ext 104 or education@frederickuu.org as soon as possible. Parts will be filled by drawing names from a hat.

Rehearsal Schedule:
December 15th- During Winter Craft Break with Rev. Abigail
December 22nd- (am) if needed with Rev. Abigail and Brandee Carrigan, DRE

Social Action

5 NOBEL LAUREATES ENDORSE UU CELEBRATING BOOK:
Thank God for Evolution! available for free November 1st! UU evangelist Rev. Michael Dowd’s acclaimed, Thank God for Evolution!: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will transform Your Life and Our World (endorsed by 5 Nobel prize-winners and 120 other luminaries, including prominent UU ministers), is available as a free PDF download: www.ThankGodforEvolution.com. Inexpensive hardcover copies are also available from Amazon and Barnes & Noble: www.thankgodforevolution.com/the-book.html

SPLIT PLATE - EVERY THIRD SUNDAY - (DECEMBER 16TH)
Carl and Mary Kruhm will present December’s split-plate offering to Paul Kirui, National Chairperson of the Hooper Trust, on their January trip to Kenya. The Hooper Trust helps disadvantaged girls in the Mara region obtain an education. Daughters in the Maasai and Kipsigis communities have no family inheritance, are held in low esteem, and have difficulty pursuing schooling, especially if orphaned or without a father. Because Kenya does not offer free secondary education, young women are seen only as marriage material. By extending a helping hand to the girls, we are giving them power to stand for their rights and indirectly helping to educate the whole community through the women.
HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Put the Christmas Congregation-wide Activity on your calendars now! On Thursday, December 27th, we will all be getting out with our rakes to finish the wildflower meadow. The more the merrier (and less work all around). We’ll be smoothing out the remaining piles and seeding them with a mix of flowers and grasses so it will look lovely next spring. Come and work off some of those extra calories. Hot cider and lots of camaraderie provided. Time to be announced, but we will probably be starting about 9:00 AM. Rain date Friday, December 28th. For more information or to reserve your space contact marney@simplicity-matters.org.

THANKS TO SANTA’S HELPERS!
Thanks to all the great members & friends who helped make the December 2nd Gift Fair a success - setting up Saturday, helping with sales Sunday, and the wonderful souls who helped with the break-down Sunday afternoon.

VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT THE GIFT FAIRS DECEMBER 15th-16th
Please sign up at FT table to help for 2 hours to make next weekend’s Holiday Gift Fair a success!
Spend two hours before or after you shop
* Saturday, December 15th, 10:00 am-1:00 pm Set up
* Saturday, December 15th, 1:00-3:00 pm or 3 :00-5:00 pm Writing up sales tickets during sale
* Saturday, December 15th, 5:00-7:00 pm Clean-up & put away some of inventory
* Sunday, December 16th, 1:00-3:00 pm Break-down & Clean-up
Note - There will be a smaller amount of inventory to set out on Saturday than at the last event. Most will be put away Saturday; some will be left on display and put away after the Sunday services on December 16th.

Thanks in advance for your help!

CONSCIOUS CONSUMER HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR SATURDAY DECEMBER 15th
This year make your celebrations reflect the true spirit of the holiday season. If you missed last week’s Gift Fair, you can still Green your Holiday Giving with Eco-friendly, Alternative, and Fair Trade Gifts at the “Conscious Consumer Holiday Gift Fair” on December15 1-5pm. Select from eco-friendly, sustainable gifts, Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, merchandise & fashion, recycled art and household items, tree-friendly gift paper & cards, and more. A selection of available FT merchandise can be previewed on our website www.uufairtrade.org. Or consider Alternative Gifting to direct your consumer dollars toward those in need, and give loved ones the gift of your time, talents, and affection. Special features will include eco-friendly gift-wrapping service by YRUU, where beautiful "previously enjoyed" gift boxes, handmade paper, and packaging will be available, and "Hand-Made in Maryland" crafts.

There will be some inventory which was not on display last week. In addition, we will have freshly roasted flavored coffee from Dublin Roasters: "Eggnog" (NEW!) & "Pumpkin Pie" coffees (both in regular & decaf), plus a new special Holiday Blend.
**Visual Arts**

**NEWS FROM THE BLANCHE AMES GALLERY**
I wonder how many people have been snapping pictures of UUCF happenings. Please make Bonny Sydnor’s day by bringing in your snap shots, or even just send her a note telling her what you’ve done and she can expect to see in our “Art mailbox” in Room 113. Call us if you have questions, and PLEASE, keep on taking pictures for the exhibit of UUCF activities we HOPE to mount next summer. We can’t do it without raw material. So, grab your camera when you come to participate in an activity here. Thanks for thinking of us and making our plan work.

**Fiscal Matters**

**HOLIDAY UU GIFTS AVAILABLE**
From the Church of the Larger Fellowship
Visit the CLF website

* [www.clfuu.org](http://www.clfuu.org)
Click on CLF Shop
to view and purchase products.

**BUY GIFT CARDS AND GIVE A GIFT TO UUCF**
Support UUCF by using our gift cards whenever you go to the grocery store. You can purchase them every Sunday at the scrip table.

For holiday gift giving, consider pre-ordering gift-cards for virtually ANY store, restaurant, movie and even gas stations and plane travel. These special orders may take a week or two – plan in advance for the upcoming holidays.

We get these cards at a discount, and sell them to you at face value, with the difference going directly back into our church budget.

Being a card-carrying UU doesn’t cost you anything, but it does help with our financial support of UUCF.
UUCF Activities – Week of December 9, 2007

Sunday, December 9
9:00 am – Enlightenment Study Group – Chapel
9:00 am to 12:30 pm – Nursery (0-5 year); 11:00 am – Religious Education Classes
9:00 am and 11:00 am – Worship Services
10:00 am – Friendly Forum – Room 113
12:15 pm – Membership Committee Meeting – Room 124
3:00 pm – Frederick Young Adults – Room 125

Monday, December 10
9:00 am – (Circle of Life Preschool)
7:00 pm – Chalice Community Meeting – Room 125

Tuesday, December 11
9:00 am – (Circle of Life Preschool)
12:00 Noon – (Kol Ami “Lunch and Learn” Class – Room 124)
7:30 pm – Finance Committee Meeting – Room 113

Wednesday, December 12
9:00 am – (Circle of Life Preschool)
11:00 am – (CLC Parent Council Meeting – Room 123)
5:00 pm – (Tae Kwon Do Classes – Chapel)
7:00 pm – (Kol Ami Meeting – Room 124)
7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Offsite

Thursday, December 13
8:00 am – CLC Usage – Nursery/Room 119/CLC
9:45 am – Chalice Community Meeting – Rooms 119, 125 and Nursery
7:00 pm – Board of Trustees Meeting – Room 113

Friday, December 14
6:00 pm – (Kol Ami Service – Sanctuary)
9:00 pm – (Kol Ami Service - Kitchen)

Saturday, December 15
10:00 am – (Kol Ami Meeting – Room 113)
10:00 am – Fair Trade Holiday Gift Fair Setup - Narthex
12:00 Noon – Children’s Craft Event – Rooms 113/115
12:00 Noon – Fair Trade Boutique - Narthex
12:00 Noon – (CLC Children’s Craft Event – Room 119 & Nursery)
5:00 pm – Fair Trade Holiday Gift Fair Breakdown

Sunday, December 16
9:00 am – Enlightenment Study Group – Chapel
9:00 am to 12:30 pm – Nursery (0-5 year); 11:00 am – Religious Education Classes
9:00 am and 11:00 am – Worship Services
10:00 am – Friendly Forum – Room 113
10:00 am – “Last Minute Gifts” Boutique – Narthex
10:00 am – Endowment Board of Trustees – Room 125
12:15 pm – Visual Arts Committee Meeting – Room 124
12:30 pm – Spiral Scouts International Meeting – Room 123
12:30 pm – Movie Discussion Group – Room 113
12:30 pm – Artist’s Reception (Margaret Paris & Jeff Sutton) – Room 113
1:00 pm – “Last Minute Gifts” Boutique Breakdown - Narthex

(Parenthesis denotes an outside rental guest)
**Please Note:** There will not be a Unison for the week of December 30th.

**Happy December Birthdays**

**REMINDER:** 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](http://www.frederickuu.org/space_reserve.html). Changes should be forwarded to calendar@frederickuu.org. As a scheduling aid, you may refer to the UUCF 3 Year Schedule of Events at [www.frederickuu.org/uucf_schedule_3yr.html](http://www.frederickuu.org/uucf_schedule_3yr.html).

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

**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. We would appreciate at least 5 days notice. Dottie can be reached at 301-4737680 or office@frederickuu.org.

**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.