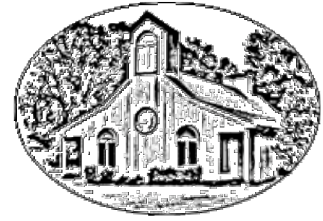




The UU Circle

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston

You Are Welcome Here!



April 2009

A Month of Sundays

Sunday Services and Sunday School at 11:00 AM, 1127 Old Fallston Road, Fallston, MD (410-877-3773)

SUNDAY SERVICES

- Apr 5** **“Beyond Morality: Bearing the Beams of Love” Rev. Mark Hoelter**
The song lyrics say, "You gotta 'Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth.'" Yeah...right. But how do you do that. A Tibetan Buddhist practice will illuminate the Hindu wisdom about this, and we'll do a little heart yoga. And then we'll go back to the song lyrics, to live them.
- Apr 12** **“Varieties of Self-Forgiveness: From the Deluded and the Cynical... to the Redemptive” - Dr. Janet Lewis**
What is healthy self-forgiveness? From the point of view of the psychological literature, the question is not a simple one. Yet we all at times behave in hurtful ways, towards others and towards ourselves. This time of year is rich with themes of redemption, from Persephone's return, to the Passover of the Jews, to the Christian meanings of Easter. We will explore, from psychological, interpersonal and spiritual perspectives, what redemption may arise from healthy responses to our own hurtful behavior. *Editor's Note: Janet is a speaker we are privileged to have once a year. She is a practicing psychiatrist and a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester. She also happens to be the daughter of our emeritus ministers The Reverends Robert and Sylvia Lewis.*
- Apr 19** **“What Do You Know For Sure” – Rev. Alida DeCoster**
What is the role of certainty in our lives? How important is it and is it even possible? Ours has been called a "Faith Without Certainty", the title of a book by UU theologian Paul Rasor. We see this as the difference between us and fundamentalist faiths, yet humans need some sense of predictability. I will explore this question with you in my sermon.
- Apr 26** **“Earth My Body, Water My Blood” – Rev. Lyn Cox**
Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part is one of our core principles as Unitarian Universalists. Our faith inspires us to protect the natural world, to search for scientific truth, and to sing with joy about the living earth. On the Sunday between Earth Day and the Pagan holiday of Beltane, we will celebrate the wonders of soil, water, and human beings.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Intermediate-Middle School RE Class is using The Strong Kids curriculum, in which they will learn tools for recognizing and dealing with their feelings and the feelings of others.

It All Happens Here

- Apr 11** **Board of Trustees Meeting – 9am:** All are welcome to attend.
Saturday
- Apr 11** **Drum for Peace – 7pm:** All ages are welcome to the drumming circle and extra drums
Saturday and other instruments are usually available for general use.
- Apr 12** **Easter Egg Hunt – after the service rain or shine.** We ask children to please bring your
Sunday baskets to collect eggs. See A've Childrey or Laura Williams for more information.
- Apr 18** **UUF Singles Group – 7pm:** The Singles Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
Saturday Join in for fun, music, food and diverse cultural activities. For more information contact
Gail Drew at 410-836-1234.
- May 3** **Soulful Sundown Service: Unity - 6:00pm:** A meditative service using the arts to
Sunday express our commitment to and value of Unity.
- May 17** **Annual Meeting – 12:30pm:** Election of Officers, approval of budget, and other business
Sunday as required.

News You Can Use

ELECTION OF UUA PRESIDENT

At the General Assembly in June we the member congregations will elect a new UUA President to succeed the Reverend Bill Sinkford. As a UUA member congregation we will have a vote. The two candidates for President with links to their websites are:

- Dr. Laurel Hallman <http://www.hallmanforuuapresident.com/>
- The Reverend Peter Morales <http://www.moralesforuuapresident.org/>

The Reverend Peter Morales will be giving the sermon on Unity Sunday at the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore on May 3rd. We successfully used the Path to Membership Program developed by Reverend Morales and his congregation. This is a great opportunity to hear and meet him.

HOMELESS SHELTER

Have you considered helping at the county homeless shelter but hesitated because you were not sure just what would be expected of you? Well, on the afternoon of Monday, April 13th and the following morning, you will have a chance to pair up with an experienced volunteer, providing them assistance while you learn. You can become familiar with the shelter's routine and facilities as well as have the opportunity to interact with some of the homeless clients.

If you are available on April 13th and interested in volunteering, please contact Charlene Phillips by April 6th in person, by phone at 410-838-3912 or email at charlene_phillips@usa.net

UUF CHOIR

Calling all singers - choir member wanna be's - part of the May Soulful Sundown program could be a performance by a fledgling UUF Choir. If you are interested please let Anne Bredlow know at connartist52@hotmail.com or 410-836-1405. This is a low commitment - high enthusiasm event. No great music talent needed. Bring only your desire to sing.

UUF FACEBOOK GROUP – COME JOIN US!

Alison Elliott and Mark Nolder have created a UUF Facebook Group on the web. This has blossomed as a way to informally network with other UUF members and friends beyond our activities on Sunday mornings or at other church events. To participate in the UUF Facebook Group you will need to set up a Facebook account. If your are concerned about privacy and the risk of exposing personal information go to our website at <http://uufallston.org/Newsletter.html> and select our March Newsletter with the Facebook article for more information.

FRIDGE CALENDAR

To save some labor and paper, we will be printing the Fridge Calendar in the newsletter instead of enclosing it as a separate item. It will definitely save some paper, but it is a transfer of labor since you will need to clip out the Calendar. Hey – we can all use the exercise!

Did You Know

HELP WANTED	HELP WANTED
<p>HOST SUNDAY SNACKS Host coffee and snacks after a service. Sign up at kitchen Bulletin Board. <i>Contact Cheri for more information.</i></p>	<p>CHILDREN’S STORY Read the children’s story in Sunday services <i>Contact Helen.</i></p>
<p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR Solicit monthly Newsletter articles about upcoming services, events and other church activities of interest. Prepare, reproduce and mail Newsletter. <i>Contact Scott.</i></p>	<p>SUNDAY SERVICE SUPPORT Arrive NLT 11:40 - Set out Hymnals and Orders of Service. - Set up stones & water for Joys and Sorrows. - Set out the Chalice with a good candle. <i>Contact Scott.</i></p>
<p>GROUNDS LOVING CARE Pull weeds and care for shrubbery and flowers in Spring, Fall and as needed. <i>Contact Lucille.</i></p>	<p>LIBRARIAN POSITION Organize our church library and keep track of the books, tapes and CDs in our library. <i>Contact any Board Member: Lucille, Alison, Tom, Paul or Charlene</i></p>
<p>SUNDAY MORNING GREETER Greet newcomers on Sunday mornings welcome them to our church. <i>Contact Membership Committee: Steve, Molly or Helen</i></p>	<p>UUF MAIL PICK UP AND SORTING Pick up the mail at the Fallston Post Office twice weekly, recycle junk mail, sort and distribute remaining envelopes in the mail slots on the wall across from the church office door. <i>Contact Charlene.</i></p>
<p>CHECK FOR MESSAGES AT CHURCH Periodically call the church to determine if the answering machine message is working correctly. Change message in June for the summer schedule and then again in August to announce when the regular services begin. <i>Contact Charlene.</i></p>	<p>NOTICE!</p> <p>ALL JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE NOW.</p>