



The UU Circle

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston



You Are Welcome Here!

July-August 2010

A Month of Sundays

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

Summer Schedule – No Sunday School – **Child Care Provided**

- Jul 4 "Those Who Came Before" - hosted by Frank Littleton and Susan Mannion**
An interesting video about Southwestern Archeology in the National Park System.
- Jul 11 "What Would God Believe?" - a Musical Meditation by John Seay**
- Jul 18 "Self Help Folk Classics" - a Musical Meditation by Lea Jones**
Singing his 'self help folk' classics, on themes of alienation, connection, integrity & community.
- Jul 25 "Juggling Moral Perspectives: Right, Wrong and It Depends" by Jeanne Galvin-Clarke**
Discussion of ethical theories & the dilemma of applying your ethical viewpoint to today's world.
- Aug 1 "The Illusion of Race" - by Cheri Wilson**
- Aug 8 "Arguing the Existence of God" - Scott Phillips**
A video presentation featuring the arguments of scientists and theologians about whether God exists followed by a discussion.
- Aug 15 "Searching" a Musical Meditation by Mike and Lena Redding**
- Aug 22 "Just an Anyold Kind of Day" by Mari Kane**
The talk is based on the works of several authors - the primary one being Anne Tyler's book "Noah's Compass."
- Aug 29 "Planes of Existence" a Musical Meditation by Joe Spatarella**

Our Happenings

- Jul 10 The Sharing Table:** Our next date to host The Sharing Table is July 10 so please check your Saturday calendars to see if you are available to help. See the article below for more information.
- Jul 13 Homeless Shelter Support:** Contact Paul or Maureen North for volunteer opportunities. Sunday See the article below.
- Jul 31 Board of Trustees Meeting – 12pm:** All are welcome to attend. Saturday
- Aug 13 Homeless Shelter Support:** Contact Paul or Maureen North for volunteer opportunities. Friday See the article below.

Did You Know?

EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

If you have an emergency and are in need of pastoral care during Rev. Lyn's maternity leave, please contact one of the Board members below, who will put you in contact with a minister with whom Rev. Lyn has arranged coverage. Lyn has made these arrangements as an exchange of Pastoral Care where she will cover for the other ministers as they have a need after her maternity leave.

President – Cheri Wilson, cwilson366@comcast.net, 443-512-0258 (home), 1-443-287-0305 (work)
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RAINBOW YOUTH ALLIANCE OF HARFORD COUNTY

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County has started The Rainbow Youth Alliance (RYA). RYA is a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning teens and their teen allies as a safe place for youth to ask questions, express their concerns and discuss issues of importance that affect their lives.

The group is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County and PFLAG of Baltimore County. RYA meetings include discussion groups, movies and games in a safe and supervised environment. All adults working with the youth agree to background checks. Youth between 14 and 19 years of age are welcome, regardless of their gender, orientation or religious affiliation. You only need to bring an open heart and mind.

The group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Fellowship: 2515 Churchville Road, Churchville, MD 21028. Phone: 410-734-7122.

UUF Outreach

CIRCLE OF HOPE

• *Sharing Table*

On Saturday, July 10th, the UUs of Fallston will be hosting at the Sharing Table in Edgewood. We will return to our original menu of pizza from Little Caesar's, salad, a vegetable and dessert. We have a sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby of the church for volunteers to sign up. We have a number of names already, so please check to see if you have already volunteered. We start the day around 10:00 and are finished by no later than 1:00. Meals are served at: Prince of Peace Church, 2206 Willoughby Beach Rd, Edgewood, MD 21040. It's a fun experience and everyone is invited to join us.

• *Welcome One Homeless Shelter*

The Homeless Shelter in Riverside usually has enough volunteers to prepare and serve dinner on the 13th of every month, but they sometimes run into difficulty finding people to serve breakfast on the 14th or stay overnight. If anyone is interested in information regarding these opportunities, please contact Maureen North at mnorth@ccps.org.

• *Kudos for UUF Youth!*

Our RE Youth raised \$70 for Harford Family House at our Annual Picnic on June 13th.

Minister and Board President's Columns

MINISTER'S COLUMN – REVEREND LYN COX

Special thanks to all who helped with the celebration on June 6! It feels good to be serving a welcoming and supportive community.

This is a quick update from the land of "study leave." Having this time to make plans and think about sermon topics will help next year go more smoothly. Here are the highlights:

- Religious Education: Alyssa Ehrsam, Helen Mann, the RE teachers and I have been talking about increasing connections between programs for children, youth, and adults. This is one of the recommendations from parents at the May 16 meeting.
- Association Sunday: I've been communicating with Board members about a worship service and visioning workshop on November 7, both led by a guest from the Joseph Priestley District. This event will help us address some of the thoughts members brought up at the annual meeting on May 23.
- Relationships: In preparation for my family leave, I have been reaching out to counseling professionals, UU ministers, and lay leaders in Fallston. These conversations have reminded me that we are part of a network of communities in Harford County, Maryland, the Joseph Priestley District, and the UUA. I hope we have a chance over the next year to reflect on these relationships and explore ways to strengthen them.
- Sunday Services: I have been working on themes and sermon topics for next year. I hope to gather some research and reflection materials to use in worship before the beginning of my family leave.

I will miss you during my study leave and family leave. Please be assured that you are in my fond thoughts. See you in November!

Peace,



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT – CHERI WILSON

The FY11 church year is off to a great start. Thanks to Mark Nolder for organizing the summer services, those who have volunteered to lead summer services as well as those who provide readings and musical selections. I hope that you will continue your fellowship over the summer. We have nine more lay-led summer services, which are a combination of musical meditations and videos/talks/discussions. Please note that child care is provided.

The 50th Anniversary of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) kicks off with the celebration of Association Sunday on October 3, 2010. Since both Rev. Lyn and I will be on maternity leave at that time, the UUF will be celebrating Association Sunday on November 7, 2010. I am pleased to announce that Mark Bernstein, the Joseph Priestley District Director for Growth, will be the Association Sunday speaker. Mark will lead a Visioning Workshop following the service, where the goal will be for the UUF to begin a discussion of our congregational goals and where we envision our congregation in the future.

Lastly, please note that the UUF Board meeting time has changed. We typically meet the 2nd Saturday monthly at 1:00 p.m. at the church. For the month of July, we will be meeting on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

Please don't hesitate to contact me as I always appreciate your input.

Yours in peace,

Cheri C. Wilson