



The UU Circle

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston



You Are Welcome Here!

June 2010

A Month of Sundays

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

Jun 6 "Flower Communion" - Rev. Lyn Cox

Flower Communion is a Unitarian Universalist ceremony that celebrates our ability to find beauty in diversity. (Children in the elementary-age class will learn more about Flower Communion in R.E.) The talents and the questions we bring to our shared search for meaning create a lovely bouquet of humanity. During this service, we will welcome members who have joined in the last year. Please bring a flower to share for each member of your household.

Jun 13 "Tapestry" - Rev. Lyn Cox

Our congregation is woven together by people with different opinions, temperaments, and talents. This service will recognize the various forms of leadership and service provided by members and friends. We will wrap up the church year with a collaborative celebration.

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

Jun 20 NO SERVICE – Father's Day!

Jun 27 "Morning Musical Meditation" - Larry Williams

Our Happenings

Jun 6 Sunday Baby Shower for Lyn & Cheri – after the service: Bring a dessert or snack to the celebration.

Jun 12 Saturday Board of Trustees Meeting – 1:30pm: All are welcome to attend.

Jun 13 Sunday Annual Picnic following the Sunday service: Hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided. Bring a salad, dessert, wine or other specialty to share and have a great time!

Jun 13 Sunday Homeless Shelter Support: Contact Paul or Maureen North for volunteer opportunities. See the article below.

Jul 10 Saturday The Sharing Table: Our next date to host The Sharing Table is July 10 so please check your calendars to see if you are available to help. See the article below.

Did You Know?

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A Quote from The Wayside Pulpit
The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money. (Anonymous)

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UUF Outreach

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OUTREACH PROGRAMS

This past year **our Circle of Hope help** to Neighbors in Need, the Homeless Shelter and the Sharing Table **totaled \$1,683 (up 8% over last year)**. Plus we gave a lot of grape jelly to the food pantry, gifts to the Christmas Family and mittens and school supplies to needy elementary school kids.

However, we did decide that no outreach projects would be funded from the Helen Coon Memorial Fund until the fund recovers from the significant losses in 2008 due to the market slump.

SPRING TEA FUNDRAISER – AWESOME!!!

The **Spring Tea** organized by Dee Brown and her committee was a rousing success **raising \$545 for the Circle of Hope** outreach fund.

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. It is 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 me at mnorth@ccps.org.

• Neighbors in Need

This month we had an appeal from someone unaccustomed to turning to churches for financial help. After a lifetime of working and paying the mortgage on the house she bought 18 years ago, she finds herself in a very difficult place. She had taken a year's absence from her work to care for a daughter in her long struggle with cancer. The mother was fired from her job because of the long absence. The mother, in her sixties but not quite old enough to retire, has been unable to find other work. Her financial situation is grave. She received a cut off notice from the utility company and we were able to help her pay part of the delinquent bill.

Minister and Board President's Columns

MINISTER'S COLUMN – REVEREND LYN COX

Often, at the end of Joys and Sorrows, I will recall, "in our speaking and in our listening and in our presence together, we are weaving a tapestry of love." All of the expressions of trust and caring, from kind words to service on committees, add up to the strong and colorful fabric of our community. Over the past year, we have been exploring some of the sources of UU spirituality and have been celebrating the pluralism that makes us strong. The insight you bring from your own spiritual path contributes to that beauty. Your presence matters.

The coming year is full of promise for this congregation. Once again, there are talented and dedicated members ready to serve on the Board and on key committees. We have plans to cross-pollinate between worship and religious education more fully than ever before. Beginning in November, we'll have a visioning and goal-setting process that will help us understand and set the direction for the next decade. I am so pleased and grateful that I will be able to serve with you over the next year.

As you know, I will be on study leave for the first part of the summer, followed by family leave through the end of October. Board members will know how to get in touch with me in case of an emergency. I may be out of view for awhile, but you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Thanks for all of your kindness and support as I prepare to welcome two babies into the world.

Over the summer, lay-led services will once again stir minds and hearts. Thanks in advance to the volunteers who share this ministry. Please keep a special eye out for visitors this summer. Your compassion and talent for hospitality are a boon to those who seek a spiritual home during the quiet months. May the community you sustain together bless you and keep you, and may you continue to bless and keep it in return.

Peace,



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT – CHERI WILSON

Dear UUF Members and Friends,
With this my first letter as President of the UUF Board, I would like to thank Reverend Lyn Cox, Alison Elliott, the 2009-2010 UUF Board, and everyone who has donated their time, talents, and money to the UUF over the past year. Last year’s presidential theme was “Just a Bit More.” It is readily apparent that we all gave just a bit more during the past year.

Although I have not yet settled on a theme for the upcoming church year, I plan to do so in conjunction with Reverend Cox. In the meantime, I would like to remind us all to continue our caring community. Don’t hesitate to check in on someone who has not attended service for several weeks. Welcome and engage our visitors. Follow up with some our lapsed members to see what we as a congregation can do to better meet their needs. Please know that I am always open to suggestions and feedback. I look forward to making the 2010-2011 church year a success.

Yours in fellowship,

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