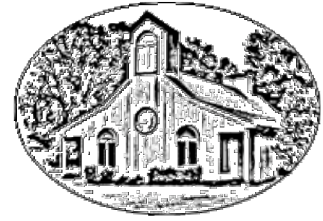




The UU Circle

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston

You Are Welcome Here!



March 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

Mar 1 "Humility: the Great Unitarian Virtue" – Rev. Phyllis Hubbell

Michael Servetus was a courageous, generous but driven priest, scholar and heretic in the 1500's. Servetus urged John Calvin to go all the way in reforming the church by rejecting the divinity of Christ as unbiblical. Today, many call him a historic forerunner of Unitarian Universalism. Rev. Hubbell will reflect on Michael Servetus and his great controversy with John Calvin in suggesting what she considers to be the core virtue central to our UU values.

Mar 8 "When the Chalice Burns Low" – Rev. John Manwell

So often we live on the edge of burn-out. Torn between the demands of work, of family, of church and so much else, we long for a more centered life. How can we keep our inner chalice alight? How can we nurture a spiritual foundation for our engagement in the world around us? Let us reflect together.

Mar 15 "Fire in the Belly: Being True to Who You Really Are" – Rev. Mark Hoelter

Mar 22 "Come to Church Anyway" – Scott Phillips

It may seem more appealing to have that second cup of coffee instead of getting dressed and going to Church. The weather may be really nice and the golf clubs seem lonely. It may have been a tough week and some time alone seems appealing. Are there reasons to come to church anyway?

Mar 29 "Beginnings" - Rev. Lyn Cox

The stories we tell of our personal and cultural origins help shape our lives in the present and our hopes for the future. Our ability to relate to each other in the present and to make plans for the future is enhanced when we can examine the myths of our beginnings. As Unitarian Universalists, our origin stories include key turning points in the history of our faith movement

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Preschool-Primary RE Class will be completing the Celebrating Me and My World curriculum this month, and will begin a new curriculum (to be announced) in March.

The Intermediate-Middle School RE Class is concluded the In Our Hands (Peace and Social Justice) curriculum on Jan. 25th. They will began 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

- Mar 14** **Board of Trustees Meeting – 9am:** All are welcome to attend.
Saturday
- Mar 14** **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.
- Mar 21** **Singles Group – 7pm:** Gail Drew is interested in forming a Singles Group at UUF.
Saturday See article below.
- Mar 28** **3rd Annual Open Mic Celebrating St. Patty’s Day- 7:30pm:** John Seay will open.
Saturday All acoustic styles welcome - especially Celtic and Irish folk! Food and drinks available.

News You Can Use

HELP WANTED	HELP WANTED
<p>ASSIST TREASURER Help treasurer with record keeping and/or making deposits. <i>Contact Charlene.</i></p>	<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>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>CHILDREN’S STORY Read the children’s story in Sunday services <i>Contact Helen.</i></p>	<p>HARFORD FOOD PANTRY Take the jelly/food donations to the Harford Food Pantry in Edgewood twice a month <i>Contact Alisa.</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>

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. Please let Anne Bredlow know if you are interested. This is a low commitment - high enthusiasm event. No great music talent needed. Bring only your desire to sing.

UUF SINGLES GROUP

Gail Drew is interested in forming a Singles Group at UUF for men and women to supply a support system for singles in a couples world. The group setting will provide the opportunity for discussions on a wide range of topics of concern or interest as well as planning social outings. The first meeting is planned for Saturday March 21st 7pm at UUF. Talk to Gail and sign up at our Announcements Board to express your interest. Bring snacks and desserts to share and just show up to form this group.

Did You Know

UUF FACEBOOK PAGE – COME JOIN US!

Alison Elliott and Mark Nolder have created a FaceBook Group on the web for the UUF. 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 date 24 “Friends” (participants) are linked to the UUF Group.

To participate in the UUF Group you will have to set up a FaceBook account. This is where many of us get concerned about privacy and the risk of exposing personal information on the internet. There are safeguards to protect your privacy by exercising care in the process of setting up your account as explained in this article at <http://tinyurl.com/uuffb-privacy>. You also might want to review the “how to video” at <http://tinyurl.com/uuffb-video> that walks you through the process of setting up a FaceBook account before you attempt to join.

Early in the account set up process at <http://facebook.com>, you will be presented with a “Find Friends Already on Facebook” page which asks you enter your Email and Password to “Find friends using your email address book.” You in effect are granting access to every email address on your computer. This is not required. You can click “Skip this step” and move on. Next you will be given the opportunity “Fill out your profile” and “Join a network.” You might want to skip these steps too, because after these steps you will see your personal page and can start deciding what personal information you wish to make available.

You can make these decisions by clicking on “View and edit your profile.” One of the first choices will be to “Upload your profile picture” by browsing for a picture file on your computer and uploading it to FaceBook. After this you can click on the “Info” tab at the top of the page to edit the sections of your Profile: Basic Information; Personal Information; Contact Information; and Education and Work. It is up to you to decide how much information you wish to provide. As you get more familiar with your FaceBook interactions you may feel comfortable about providing more information.

To further address your privacy you need move your mouse over “Settings” at the top of your screen and select “Privacy Settings.” The first selection is “Profile.” If you wish to limit your exposure to just our UUF Group select “Only Friends” for “Basic” and “Contact Information.” The same applies for “Search” and “News Feed” and “Wall.” The “Applications” section again gives you an opportunity to select the information that will be shared with “Friends.”

Finally, you can find the UUF on FaceBook at <http://tinyurl.com/uuffb-1127> and in the upper right section of that page you can select “Join this Group.”

If all this is too much, find a knowledgeable teenager to help you out. You might make his or her day!

SOULFUL SUNDOWN VIDEO MONTAGE

Maggie Spatarella put together a video montage of our Hunger and Homelessness Soulful Sundown. She created a great mix of photos on the web at <http://tinyurl.com/uufss-1109> with musical background by Tephrah.

From the Board President

Dear UU's and Friends,

Well, the good times just keep coming! We had a glorious 10th Year Anniversary Celebration on Jan.11th. Everyone enjoyed the program, the food and the friendship. I got so excited I even wore a dress to church. Two weeks later we had another wonderful Path to Membership Program presented by Scott Phillips. Every time I attend one of these sessions, I learn something new. Thank you on behalf of the entire fellowship, Scott.

On February 14th Helen and I got to spend time with our youngest members. After making Valentine puppets, we were treated to impromptu puppet shows. We also got to listen to wild tales of knights and conflicts inspired by Connor's toy castle, complete with several dragons. We ended our evening with everyone joining the Drum Circle. We will end the month of February with another installment of the ever popular Dinner Theater Extravaganzas. I'm sure our troupe of actors has spent hours rehearsing in preparation for this year's performance. I won't be able to attend this year, as I will be on "Baby Watch" with Elsa and her family.

At our last Board of Trustees meeting, Charlene reported that our finances are in the black. That is really positive, considering our current economic situation. Thank you to everyone. As we voted approval of the parking lot expansion at the Congregational Meeting on February 8th, we will move forward with the project.

Lucille Sonnichsen