

The Newsletter: from The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County



Building Liberal Religious Community — Please Join Us!

May 2002

OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

CHILDCARE 9:30 AM TO 12 NOON
WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL 10 AM

May. 5

In a Quaker Mood

This is becoming a tradition service for Union Sunday. Union Sunday is a day when all area congregations are invited to First Church in Baltimore to celebrate, in worship, William Ellery Channing's renowned "Baltimore Sermon". Those who do not choose to gather in Baltimore are invited to attend a service in Quaker style: silent meditation, inviting a deeper spirit within to gain voice.

May. 12

Tough and Tender Love
A Mothers Day Sermon

One of the challenges of parenting is to channel love for one's children in affirmation, encouragement, discipline, cooperation, authority and self respect. This means that "loving" can take on many different, at times unrecognizable forms. A day about the on-going discipline of nurturing a loving family.

NO POTLUCK LUNCHEON TODAY

May. 19

On Anger

In this world of change and chance, many circumstances may bring on an angry response. And conflict to the mix and that anger may become a permanent fixture. There are times when anger is the proper response and times when it is simply signaling something we need to pay immediate attention to within ourselves. A day's look at anger and how it sometimes hinders and sometimes heals our lives.

May. 26

The Flag Our Fathers Saved

We come together in the midst of our Memorial Day celebration to remember the origin, history, and meaning of this holiday. Memorial Day began as a time of remembrance after the long and terrible struggle of the Civil War. It was important in shaping both the reunion of our nation and memories of the war itself. Bitter national division healed slowly, and sectional reconciliation was achieved at the high cost of denying full citizenship to African Americans. Understanding the history of this holiday of remembrance can point the way to a true rebirth of our nation in justice, equity, and compassion.

FROM OUR MINISTER



On my way to work today, the news was broadcasting the FBI's response to coexisting with a spy in their midst for so long. It was a case of "pervasive inattention". Pervasive inattention...skilled phrase...we really are superb at euphemisms aren't we? Along with our acclaimed consciousness of existence (as being different from other animals...though that's debatable) we are the only species that can manufacture denial and systems of denial within our realities. Pervasive inattention.....

I am not one to separate our worth or purpose from animals. I haven't the foggiest idea what animals know. I do think, however, that our separating ourselves as superior beings because of our ability to reason is a false and potentially damaging separation. Yes, our ability to think has brought us into great worlds and given us extraordinary inventions throughout time. But our ability to veil reality by our reason, in the form of denial and euphemisms, has deprived the progress of justice, the work of peace and the power of compassion to flourish in our world.

I am gaining so much inexpressible understanding by working the ground, listening to birds, petting my cats and laughing with children. I am learning more and more to love creation and its natural affirmation. I pray it will keep me fresh and help me avoid my own pervasive inattention in my ways and walking.

So may it be.

Yours in faith, Rev. Lisa

Visit our UUFHC Website at: <http://www.uufhc.net>

It's getting close to the end of our church year, and as usual, there is lots going on to finish this one out and start a new one. Our pledge drive, big event, budget reconciliation, annual meeting, and property consolidation have kept plenty of us busy and I for one am happy to see it just about completed for the year.

Our pledge drive put together by the Stewardship Committee was a real success not only in terms of money raised (the most to date), but also in terms of educating and informing us of the real costs of running this fellowship. I would like to thank Bill and Laura Hofherr and Trish Tatem for their invaluable leadership of this committee.

The April board meeting was the last one with Kathleen Mader and Ken Bourn as members. I will miss them both, as they could always be counted on to speak their minds honestly and with respect for others. Kathleen has served for six years on the board. This is a lot of service time given to the fellowship and for this she has my heart felt thanks. I would like to thank Ken for his constant optimism and smile during his two years as member at large as well as his hearty greeting at the door on Sundays.

With the school property under lease and a large increase in rent come June 15, we are on track with our original goal of having it pay for itself after the first year. Our renter, Monarch Montessori, has worked out well and with the consolidation of properties almost complete they will be able to accept more students taking the rent up to the higher level. Robin Sommer has headed up the Rental Committee, which worked long and hard on getting the lease together, and I would like to thank her and the committee for their work.

Finally, I would like to mention a member who has put in many hours and has diligently worked to implement a new accounting system and new way to look at our budget. Charles Harris has logged in lots of time this year at the sometimes lonely task of accounting for the fellowships' money. His efforts are paying off and I would like to thank him for his service as Treasurer this year.

Yours in fellowship,
Ed



Women's Ritual Circle Meetings

Sunday, April 28 7-9 pm

Dana Knighten

Friday, May 10 7-9 pm

Leader t.b.a.

Both meetings are at UUFHC. New members are welcome. For child care, contact Becca Motil or Janet Turner-Hampton.

Member Dazzles Girl Scouts

Richard Schroeder visited Havre de Grace Junior Girl Scout Troop 1710 on Monday, March 18. He graciously agreed to drive out to the evening meeting to be interviewed by the scouts, who were working on the "music fan" badge. Naturally, he played the piano and dazzled with various genre. What great rapport and interaction was offered by our very own virtuoso! Be proud.

News from UU's for Social Justice of the Baltimore Washington Region

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) is on the move! Our recent Leadership Development Day was attended by over 180 people from sixteen congregations and organizations. UUSJ was created by UU congregations and agencies to address urban issues in our region as Unitarian Universalists. As many of you know, our focus is on Public Education for the next several years.

At our annual Leadership Development Day, held at All Souls Church in Washington DC, we were very fortunate to have Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, give the keynote address.

The Rev. Rob Hardies, the new senior minister at All Souls Church opening the day with worship. Workshops were held with speakers on issues from public education to congregational social justice ministry. All Souls Church was bursting at the seams with enthusiastic participants.

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The buzzword in RE these days is BUSY as the bees now emerging this spring!

Curriculum

We had our curriculum-planning meeting and most of next year's offering has been worked out. High school choices still need to be made but we are basing decisions on the new Coming-of-Age program. Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) will be offered to three age groups but concrete scheduling has yet to be determined.

The 2002-2003 choices and their focus are:

Pre-k	<i>Celebrating Me and My World – UU Identity</i>
K-1	<i>Treasure Hunting – UU Identity</i>
Grades 2-3	<i>Rainbow Children and In Our Hands – Peace and Social Justice</i> <i>* Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.)</i>
Grades 4-5	<i>Holidays and Holy Days – World Religions</i> <i>* Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.)</i>
Grades 6-7	<i>You the Creator – UU Identity</i>
Grades 8-9	<i>Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.)</i>
Grades 10-12	Coming of Age and a To Be Determined Curricula

Summer Program

The details are still being worked out as of "press time" but we will again be offering a Sunday summer program incorporating the Arts during the five Sundays of August and early September. This is a perfect time for people with a little extra time in the summer who want to get their creative juices re-energized by working with children. Please see me if you could volunteer for a Sunday!

Coming-of-Age

A small committee has been busy re-working the Coming of Age program. We have identified strengths of the current program, and have eliminated the weaknesses. We are evaluating coming-of-age programs from other congregations and incorporating some of those elements. A major change will be to strengthen the role of the mentor and involving the parents more fully. It's been mentioned

before but bears repeating, the program will be offered for two years in a row to bring the age down from high school to 8th –9th grade. We need to cycle through a number of teens to accomplish this goal. Much thanks to those working on the committee: Beth Wood-Roig, Scott Michael, Darlene Rothwell, Ken Bourn, and Emily Deickman.

Note to all Child-care Providers

In an attempt to establish consistency of childcare responsibilities and rules, I will be holding after Sunday trainings for all childcare providers currently on our roster. They will be held on May 19th and May 26th directly after R.E. at 11:15. It should take about ½ hour. All sitters interested in remaining on our roster **must** attend one of the trainings.

RE Committee and Teacher Recruitment

We are asking teachers past, present and future to let us know this spring if they are willing to teach in the fall. A lot of plans are underway and this is the time to let us know! In addition, we are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to join the RE Committee. The Committee meets once a month and is responsible for all aspects of RE programming and special events. This is a fun group, which is known to have good food at their meetings! Please see Beth Wood-Roig or myself if you are interested.

RE KUDOS KORNER

- To Hollin Roberts, Jillian Roberts, Alyssa Zuckerman and Kelsey Hofherr for helping with the Easter activities
- Chuck Selfe and Rick Saucier who helped the 7th and 8th graders with RE Sunday!
- Beth Wood-Roig and Ken Bourn for attending the Safe Congregations Workshop at the JPD Spring Conference
- To all the teachers who helped their classes prepare for R.E. Sunday

As the year winds down, I hope for you peaceful, lazy days ahead.

Lisa Chenoweth
Director of Religious Education



Meet Dr Dorothy Lemmey

You might have noticed the small, feisty, blond woman standing at the podium. You can barely catch sight of her green eyes peering over the top. She will inform you, that despite the obvious, "I am standing."

A Unitarian Universalist since 1994, first at the East Shore UU Church (ESUUC) in Kirtland, Ohio, and then the UUFHC in 2001, Dorothy "intentionally shunned organized religion because of its judgmental attitude toward women and its support of the subjugation of women". The UU Principles inspired her and helped her to feel connected to the larger universe. Subsequently, she enthusiastically was a delegate to two General Assembly conferences while attending ESUUC.

Twelve years earlier in her life, Dorothy was prompted by the knowledge of her sister's violent abuse experiences at the hand of her sister's husband, she expanded her career of obstetric and gynecological nursing to include public awareness of the growing national domestic violence statistics. Her involvement spans 20 years. During that time she earned her Master of Science in Nursing and Doctoral degree in Nursing.

She spearheaded the Silent Witness Initiative with the life-sized red wooden figures on the ESUUC lawn in 1995. When Dorothy and her partner Ken Schmidt moved to Maryland and joined the UUFHC, she became Publicity Chairperson. With the sponsorship by Harford Community College and the Sexual Assault and Spousal-Abuse Center (SARC), Dorothy oversaw UUFHC's adoption of the Silent Witness Program in October, 2001. The purpose was to bring the horrible truth of domestic violence-related murders in Harford County in the last nine years to the awareness of passersby on Maryland Route 22. There were 10 figures, including a pregnant mother and her young child and one male figure. Harford Community College borrowed the figures for the month of March, 2002 for display in the Student Center lawn area.

Dorothy gives so much to everything she undertakes: Initiating mUUVies, a once a month movie-watching with discussion-following potluck-happening at her and Ken's home; stunningly dressed as a woman from the Susan B. Anthony era to enhance her testimony for why she is a UU, to lend support to the Stewardship Campaign; and participating in the newly-formed UUFHC Readers' Theatre group which performed at a recent Worship Service.

Her enthusiasm and energy level inspires other women and men to respond to many societal challenges. She served on a local Ohio Battered Women's Board, and was president of that board for over a year before moving to Maryland. As a result of passage of the Ohio legislation

which demanded pro-arrest policies and assessment and intervention by health professionals, Dorothy was involved in training police and nurses in preparation for these cases.

In connection with her impression of the women's suffrage movement, she organized two trips from her Ohio church to the little-known Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY. A "must-see" for all women, men, and children for it marks the inspiring beginning of American women's struggle for equality.

On her list of interests and achievements, Dorothy attended the United Nations 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China in 1995. The Cleveland Plain Dealer published her summary report which she emailed from Beijing, and upon her return Dorothy spoke to over 18 organizations about the women's conference. Consequently, in her biography there are numerous published articles, television and radio interviews.

To our dismay, Dorothy and Ken will be moving back to Ohio, to further their careers and educational goals at Kent State University. One side benefit for Dorothy is that she will be closer to Dawn, her 30-year-old daughter who lives in a "wonderful residential facility". Dorothy travels once a month to see Dawn. About Dawn Dorothy said, "She has made me a better nurse, person and teacher. She never walked or talked but her eyes will let you know if she accepts you."

Hear Dorothy again: "My hope for UUFHC is to be a voice in the community of non-oppression, non-violence, equality, acceptance of all faiths, sexual preferences and ages. Therefore, the community will recognize us as 'Oh, that's the church that stands up amongst the crowd and shouts- LET'S ROLL'."

Dorothy Lemmey. This is just the beginning of her story.

JoAnn Macdonald



Ken Schmidt & Dorothy Lemmey

UU's for Social Justice

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Looking forward, UUSJ is working with its new education consultant, Kirsten Hampton, on developing a blueprint for our public education activities. If you are interested in finding out more about UUSJ's activities with public education, please contact Suzanne Weiss at sweiss40@msn.com or 703-242-5755 or visit our website at <http://www.uusj.org>.

SUUSI 2002

July 21-27, Blacksburg, VA

Looking for a great, affordable vacation for your family, one with lots of adventures and filled with UU friends? Come to SUUSI! You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community of 1,000. Together, we'll create a week of conversation, of reflection, of activity, of family. You'll be challenged intellectually and nurtured spiritually. You can stay up all night dancing or making music, and spend all day communing with nature or exploring your personal growth. So many choices! We have special programs for youth and teens so be sure to bring the whole family. SUUSI is UU summer camp, July 21-27. We meet on the university campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. – a great little spot in the mountains. Please join us! Check it out at <http://www.suusi.org>, or call Ken Schmidt.

How long until SUUSI?

Find out at <http://gweezlebur.com/suusi.cgi>

Join the suusi-friends@lists.suusi.org email list:

<http://lists.suusi.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/suusi-friends>

General Assembly

General Assembly is the yearly meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. The myriad programs, business events, and exhibits provide a rich experience to the 4,000 UUs who attend each year.

This year GA is being held in Quebec City, Quebec, on June 20-24. Registration begins March 1. Join the thousands of other UUs who will be attending for a truly amazing event. For more information, visit the web site:

<http://www.uua.org/ga/index.html>

New T'ai Chi Class

Starting April 29 at 9:30 am is a new T'ai Chi Chih class. Give it a try or talk with someone who has taken the last class to see what they think. The cost of the class is \$120.00 for 8 weeks. All ages and body types welcome.

Rachel Cross and Tim Gregory Concert

May 4th at 7:00 PM at UUFHC

\$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door.

Senior & student prices will be \$5.00, whether purchased in advance or at the door.

Wine & cheese will be available

Contact Paul McGuire at 410-939-9522 or Linda Boyle at 717-456-7833 or email.

UUFHCConcerts@yahoo.com for tickets.

Rachel Cross started her musical career in 1983 as a street musician in Paris, France. She has been playing guitar, writing songs, singing and recording ever since. Rachel has received many awards including a Mid-Atlantic Song Contest award for her song "Sound of the Bullet", Song of the Week on MP3.COM for her song "Same Guy", and Best World Music Vocalist from the Washington Area Music Association in 1996, 1997, 1999, & 2000. She has also been nominated for many awards including Songwriter of the Year in 1999. Her debut CD, "Angels & Aliens, Monsters & Freaks" has just been released on Dreamy Eyes Records. Rachel believes that the arts are a gateway to the soul.

<http://www.rachelcross.com/pics3.htm>

Tim Gregory is the founder and director of NADA BRAHMA PRODUCTIONS. Since 1991 Tim has been introducing multicultural education to children and mindful explorations of the healing arts to teens and adults. Tim's worldwide explorations and passion for music and dance creates a teaching style that empowers the soul and frees the spirit...from infants to elders. Tim is also an active member of the Dream Change Coalition. Tim Gregory is director of NADA BRAHMA PRODUCTIONS, which often presents concerts for children; this concert is geared to an adult audience. Rachel Cross is the main artist at this concert.

A Musical Evening in Support of Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice

Saturday, May 4
7:30-10:00pm
Paint Branch UU Church
3215 Powder Mill Rd.
Adelphi, MD

Join other UUs (and their friends!) for an evening of acoustic music hosted by co-ministers, Barbara Wells and Jacob B. ten Hove. Guest artists include Brooksie Wells, Jim and Jo Paoletti, and Daryl Beard. Refreshments will be available.

A free will offering in support of UUs for Social Justice in the Baltimore/Washington region will be collected. Our focus for the next few years is Public Education. Teachers in our public schools often have to purchase their own supplies for the classroom. We invite you to bring supplies for teachers which will be donated to a local school. See list below for ideas.

If you are interested in helping to support this fundraiser, please contact Barbara Wells at tenWells@aol.com.

Teacher Supply list: Here are some ideas of supplies that would be appreciated.

- magnetic letters and numbers (k-3)
- Xeroxing paper
- number lines to hang up on wall
- alphabet letters (manuscript gr. k-2; cursive and manuscript 3-5)
- books for teaching holidays with pages for duplication
- play money, play cash registers
- punctuation marks
- gift certificates to stores (like Target, Michael's, etc.)
- jump ropes
- basketballs
- footballs
- soccer balls
- Bulletin boards
- paint brushes
- paint
- boxes of tissue
- math flash cards

UU Bikefest '02

The UU Church of Rutland, VT invites you to a bicycling weekend in the beautiful Green Mountains. May 31 - June 2, 2002. Package includes: 2 nights lodging with a friendly UU host family breakfasts, arrival dinner & a lakeside BBQ picnic on Saturday. Our UU members will share their favorite Road & Mountain Bike Rides. Multiple rides each day for all levels of ability. Family/Kids Rides too! Cost: Adults \$130. Children (5-12) \$65. For details, please call Lorna Cohen at 802-492-2252 or email Loramc@together.net

JPD Area Interweave 2002 Spring Retreat Saturday, May 11, 2002

Who should attend? Anyone who is interested in promoting the UU principals to all communities would like to learn more about becoming a Welcoming organization would like to take Welcoming to the next step is open to learning and sharing from members of the LGBT community would like to explore new ways to think and live

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

We are the Lesbian, Gay, Trans, BI, Queer and Straight Allies from the Unitarian Universalist Churches in the Mid-Atlantic (JP District) area, but this retreat is for the entire community. Unitarian Universalists have a proud history of inclusiveness, which we celebrate and preserve by working to include all.

What will we be discussing and exploring? What is Gender? How does gender perception change us and affect our lives? Internalized Homophobia, how are we hurting ourselves? Aging in the LGBT Community, the last closet? How can we increase inclusiveness in our churches, schools, offices and streets? Youth, how can we overcome the prejudice of "predator" and reach out to our neglected children? Racism, Classism, Ageism, are they overlooked in our community?

Unitarian Society of Germantown, host church for JPD Interweave spring retreat is located north of the city of Philadelphia at 6511 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19119-3625. Phone # 215-844-1157 – website <http://www.usguu.org/>

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5 <i>Union Sunday</i> 12:00p Music Committee	6 9:30a Tai Chi 6:30p Daisy GS Troop 7:00p Anti-Racism Roundtable	7 7:00p Yoga - Sanctuary 7:30p Men's Group	8 10:00a Archives Comm. 7:00p Board Meeting 8:00p Alanon-3&4gr room	9 9:15a Bridge Club 6:45p Trans. Meditation	10 7:00p Women's Ritual	11
12 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 11:30a Pot Luck Luncheon 1:00p B&G Work Party	13 9:30a Tai Chi 7:00p Finance Comm.	14 7:00p Yoga - Sanctuary	15 11:30a Ethics for Lunch 8:00p Alanon-3&4gr room	16 9:15a Bridge Club 6:45p Trans. Meditation	17	18
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Meditation Corner

Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for
itself.
They come through you but not from you.
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to
you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you
cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them
like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday
You are the bows from which your children as living ar-
rows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and
He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift
and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as he loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also
the bow that is stable

Kahlil Gibran

Meditation Corner submitted by Dorothy Lemmey