

# U N I S O N



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A Welcoming Congregation

## 8<sup>th</sup> PRINCIPLE PROPOSED

The Dismantling Racism Team is proposing the addition of an 8th Principle to be added to our covenant of 7 Principles. We will vote on our approval of this covenant addition at our Annual Meeting June 10.

For more information on the genesis of the 8th Principle, find complete information on the following link: <https://www.8thprincipleuu.org/background/>.

Discussions about the above proposal will be held **May 13 at 10:40am and June 3 at 11:30am**. Consider joining in one or more of these discussions before casting your ballot for or against the inclusion.

Following is the wording of the Principle:

*“We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”*

For two perspectives on the adoption of this proposal see the articles on the following page.

Of interest as well is a recent article, [What happens when a church dedicated to fighting racism is accused of it?](#), from the *Washington Post Metro Section*, April 18, 2018, by Michelle Boorstein.



Thank You!



**Lora Powell-Haney, for your years of devotion, dedication and never-ending work to build our Religious Education programs, your support of our congregation in any way you were asked, and your personal connection with every child who crossed your path.**

**Now you move on, pursuing your dream of becoming a UU minister. May your summer in Clinical Pastoral Education in Hagerstown and your full-time seminary work at Meadville Lombard as well as your two-year, part-time ministerial internship at Towson UU Church in Luthersville, MD, prove rewarding.**

**With deep gratitude and love, we wish you every success and happiness.**

## Child DEDICATION

Each year we set aside a special time during a Sunday service to welcome children new to the congregation. The next opportunity is Sunday, May 20, 2018. If you have an infant or child that you would like to participate, please email Rev. Carl ([minister@frederickuu.org](mailto:minister@frederickuu.org)) by Sunday, May 6.

More information is at [frederickuu.org/child](http://frederickuu.org/child).

**SUNDAY SERVICES  
SUMMER SCHEDULE  
BEGINS MAY 27th  
ONE SERVICE, 10:30am**

# PRO

## UUCF Should Adopt the Black Lives UU 8th Principle

*"We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions."*

What happens when white folks at UUCF see the banner, "Black Lives Matter," or hear that Black Lives of UU (BLUU) has come up with an eighth principle to add to the seven already part of UU spiritual grounding? Normally the response is, "No, All lives matter"; or, "Isn't this already covered in the first and seventh principles?"

For hundreds of years, in the United States, Black lives have not mattered. Black lives have barely qualified for status as human, let alone as equal in worth and possessing those inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness: i.e., food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. The U.S. Civil War was supposed to have fixed the problem by eliminating slav-

ery, but Jim Crow laws soon eviscerated the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution. The 1954 Supreme Court decision, *Brown v. Board of Education*, was supposed to have fixed the problem by integrating public schools, but redlining, white flight to the suburbs, and Jim Crow laws prevented the law of the land from being the normal, accepted, cultural standard. The civil rights actions, the 1964 Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Medicare and other social safety net legislation was supposed to have fixed the problem. But here we are in 2018, and it is still not safe to drive, walk, shop, hang out at Starbucks or use public facilities while Black (or Hispanic, or Native American, but that's another essay).

White people at UUCF say, "but it's not our fault!" or "I've invited Black co-workers, and they visit, but won't come back." or "It's a cultural difference; they are just not like us; if they were, they could fit right in."

Dismantling racism is not about how many people "of color" we see in our services on Sundays. Dismantling racism means white folks looking at our own attitudes toward

language, religious practice, social order, and differences among human beings. Changing attitudes and points of view take deliberate, ongoing, hard work. Some of that hard work means imagining what it might be like to be followed and challenged for no reason; to have our children shot down in the middle of Fifth Avenue, and no one pays attention.

The Eighth Principle is not covered by any of the others, because all of the others assume a secular white world, where secular white culture is the norm. White folks at UUCF need to embrace this Principle, not as a *fait accompli*, but as an ongoing, never-ending, but always improving transformation.

Please join the Dismantling Racism Team on May 13 and June 3 during the middle hour for further dialogue, with the goal of adopting the Eighth Principle in full, without edit or modification, at the Annual Meeting, June 10.

Sea Raven, D.Min  
[DRT@frederickuu.org](mailto:DRT@frederickuu.org)



# CON

## UUCF Should Act on our Present Principles

At this time of critical challenge, we are called to pursue actions based on our 7 Principles. Action Plans grounded in the 1st Principle will produce specific results which will counter racism and advance justice.

We are sailing on a ship of 7 Principles. It is a safe and secure vessel, taking us where we need to go. Intentions and Resolutions fill the sails and provide the energy which locates us on the path toward Justice for All.

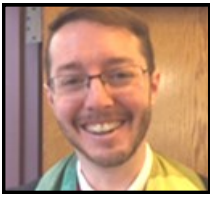
Intentions and resolutions do require refreshing, and a recommitment to Racial Justice is certainly called for in this moment. Let us do that with enthusiasm and dedication. I agree, we are called to ACT; not to add more Principles!

In times of great stress, we recognize that our commitment to Justice for All is brought forward by focusing on the group or cause which needs immediate principled response. At this time, therefore, let us define our strong and purposeful commitment to the goals of the Black Lives Matter movement.

To begin where we are as a Congregation, we might restate and refresh our Life membership in the NAACP, by sending a representative and alternate to the local NAACP chapter, both to show support and to enable greater effect of NAACP principles and action plans, through our greater awareness and increased supportive participation.

Actual work for racial justice, what we want to do, right?

~ Phyllis Liddell



## CARL'S COLUMN

Rev. Carl Gregg

I'm currently in the middle of a sermon series on our UU [6th Principle](#): "The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all." I have been inviting us to reflect on some of the angles that we need to consider as a species if we were to get serious about that goal.

I began with a sermon on artificial intelligence in the near future, titled "Immigrants Aren't Coming for Your Job, *Robots Are*." Next, I preached about the Human Rights Movement, which promotes the idea that all human beings—without exception—deserve minimum conditions for a dignified life. Part three, for Earth Day, invited us to focus on world population—particularly the fact that the number of human beings on planet Earth has *septupled* (increased sevenfold) in a mere two centuries, from approximately 1 billion people alive in 1800 to more than 7.6 billion people today. (For anyone interested, the text, audio, and video of these sermons is online in UUCF's Sermon Archive, available at [frederickuu.org/sermons](http://frederickuu.org/sermons).) I will conclude this series with a fourth entry in early June on "Utopianism, Then & Now." These are hard and complex topics, but I appreciate being part of a congregation and a larger progressive movement that is open to wrestling with the most vital questions of our day.

To transition to a much lighter note, it also occurs to me to add that after hearing from many different people about the podcast *Harry Potter and the Sacred Text*, I finally started listening. Everyone who told me I would like this podcast was right: it's consistently delightful, insightful, and inspiring. The hosts are two students at Harvard Divinity School, one of whom is a female Jewish atheist (training to be a Humanist Chaplain) and the other is a gay British man. The diversity of their perspectives and life experiences inform and enhance the show.

Here's a description: "It's the English class you didn't know you missed and the meaningful conversations you didn't know you craved. On this podcast, we ask: What if we read the books we love as if they were sacred texts? Each week, we explore a central theme through which to explore the characters and context, always grounding ourselves in the text. We'll engage in traditional forms of sacred reading to unearth the hidden gifts within even the most mundane sentences." If you are curious to learn more, visit [harrypottersacredtext.com](http://harrypottersacredtext.com).

From wide-ranging sermon topics to innovative podcasts, I'm grateful to be with you on this journey!

Peace to you,

Carl

[minister@frederickuu.org](mailto:minister@frederickuu.org)

# SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30 and 11:30am

Summer Service Schedule begins May 27

One Service Only, 10:30am

**May 6:** *Ralph Waldo Emerson*, Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

**May 13:** *Louisa May Alcott and the Founding Mothers of UU*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

**May 20:** *Transitions Sunday*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg and Samuel Melcher, graduating senior

**May 27:** *Sacrifice and Salvation*, the Rev. Dr. Carl Gregg

# Blanche Ames Gallery Presents




**RON  
BAVIELLO**

Ron Richard Baviello studied art at East Carolina University. He worked several years as an advertising illustrator and graphic artist. Ron is a self-taught painter working in acrylics. He also is a successful computer artist. He often uses the computer as a tool in developing compositions and color themes.



Ron believes painting is like a magical process, first visualizing and creating images in the imagination and then rendering them in a tangible medium. This is always a challenge and his greatest motivation. His choice of subject matter is eclectic. This gives him many different avenues to explore and experiment in developing his diverse creative works.

**ART TALK AND OPENING RECEPTION MAY 6, 12:30-2:00**



## THE UUCF COFFEEHOUSE

Open Mic Night

**Saturday, May 19**

MUSICIANS AND POETS WELCOME!

Performers can do two or three pieces, depending on how many sign up. 😊

This event is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. BYOB.

[UUCFCoffeehouse@gmail.com](mailto:UUCFCoffeehouse@gmail.com) or check out our  
 Facebook page [www.facebook.com/UUCFCoffeehouse](http://www.facebook.com/UUCFCoffeehouse).

7-9:30 pm 3rd Saturdays thru June 2018 If you can, please come at 6 pm to help set up tables and chairs.

## New Members, Welcome

On April 29, 2018 our congregation will recognize 5 new members. They bring a variety of interests and talents with them. Here are pictures of our new members who took our Pathways to Membership class in April.



Randy Gapud



Antonio Morehead



Deborah Chielli

Other new members not pictured: Kieran and Catie Mara.

The next Pathways to Membership Class will be held on June 9, 2018.  
Look for sign-up sheet in the atrium in mid-May.

# UUCF GROUPS

## FRIENDLY FORUM

Every Sunday, 10:30-11:20am, Room 113-115

Special Guest this month: The founder of the John Muir Scholarship, Lee Scott Popkin, will speak at Friendly Forum on Sunday, May 6, at 10:30 a.m. Lee is a member of the Sierra Club. The John Muir Scholarship has been supporting students since 2015, with a mission to encourage and support the next generation of environmentalists and wildlife conservationists from Frederick County. One young university student who grew up in our congregation has already been a beneficiary of this scholarship.

~~Carol Antoniewicz



## AHA: ATHEISTS, HUMANISTS, AGNOSTICS

1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, following 2nd service. Discussions in the Chapel.

May 6th our topic will be: books which altered our universes; books that our changed lives.

May 20th Nancy Pace will facilitate a review and discussion with UUCF's AHA (Atheists/Humanists/Agnostics) group on the topic of Stephen Batchelor's *Buddhism Without Beliefs*—one of her favorite books.

All are warmly welcomed! Questions? 240-586-4554



## UUCF BUDDHIST FELLOWSHIP

Please see ([frederickuu.org/buddhism](http://frederickuu.org/buddhism)) for a concise list of the many Buddhist Meditation and non-denominational contemplation offerings at our church.

### First and Third Sundays

**New contact list for Sunday morning programs.** Whitney Cruet has volunteered to serve as a primary communicator about our programs and plans. We need to ask you to re-apply for the email list for Sundays by emailing: [buddhist@frederickUU.org](mailto:buddhist@frederickUU.org). Please do this even if you are on the current email list which Nancy has maintained and you want to continue receiving email regarding the Sunday program (and general announcements).

### First and Third Sundays in May:

**May 6** – Jerry Webster, the head teacher at Shambala Meditation Center in Washington, DC, will present “Mindfulness in Everyday Life.” Jerry lives in Frederick and has also taught a course in meditation at UUCF.

**May 20** – Meditation and discussion. We will return to Jack Kornfield's *No Time Like the Present* as the basis for our sharing.

**Thursday Evenings.** Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm in the chapel. The group explores a variety of teachings, with a longer period for meditation, usually 30-40 minutes. Everyone is welcome; no experience necessary. For more information, or to be added to the e-mail list for weekly notices, contact Lynn Wagner at [lwagner4@mac.com](mailto:lwagner4@mac.com).



## EARTH-CENTERED SPIRITUALITY

2nd Sunday, May 13,  
10:30—11:20am

Our Earth-centered Spirituality Group provides an opportunity to focus on the Sixth Source of Unitarian Universalism: "Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

Join us for our May meeting.

## Notes from the President

Steve Berté

President of the Board of Trustees  
May 2018



season. With our growing congregation, and as we expand our desire to have a larger impact on our own,

local, and larger communities, some growth in our annual giving is desirable. We haven't seen an increase in our overall income projection for our budget this year, but there are still outstanding potential sources of pledges and we believe we will achieve parity with last year's budget.

The Board reviewed the draft 2018-2019 budget and provided additional guidance on some changes we'd like to see in the figures. As always, a final budget will be ready for your review before, and approval at, our annual congregational meeting on June 10th. Please plan to make the meeting as we will vote on new officers in the congregation, on some special issues be-

ing proposed by our Dismantling Racism Team, as well as the budget on that Sunday.

Reverend Carl provided an update on getting a UU ministerial intern at UUCF. This is an exciting prospect as it will make UUCF seen as a teaching congregation, which enables us to contribute to the spiritual growth of the UUA. The other exciting aspect of hosting interns is that it will of course help our congregation directly. The Board is looking forward to UUCF hosting a UU ministerial intern as early as September of 2018.

That's it for this month. Hope you are enjoying the spring!

Thanks for all you do to support our beloved community,  
Stephen Berté

Our Board of Trustees met on April 19th to carry on the business of helping UUCF support our spiritual growth, build a beloved community, and act for peace and justice.

We've no further news to report at this time on the UUCF 2020-II project. We are still waiting to get an architect's more precise estimate for a potential single story addition. That will enable us to determine if we want to pursue an addition and how we might approach funding the work.

The Board received an update on the progress of this year's stewardship campaign. Thanks to your generosity we are having a favorable pledge drive

### *Congregational Meetings to Discuss, Debate and Decide on Positions before our Annual Meeting on June 10*

*From Steve Berté, President of the Board of Trustees*

As UUCF renews efforts to assist in dismantling racism, we are having Congregational Meetings to discuss two specific issues regarding a Black Lives Matter banner and locally adopting an 8th UU principle that specifically addresses dismantling racism. I encourage all to participate in these meetings in advance of our vote on the issues at the annual meeting. It is important that you participate in these discussions because when we get to the annual meeting we will have up or down votes on them without debate at that time. This is precisely why we are providing an opportunity for you to take part in discussions about them in advance.

This approach is how we will be handling all key issues at UUCF that require a vote at an Annual Meeting and it reflects how the larger UUA operates the annual General Assemblies (GA). Key issues are discussed, debated, and their content finalized in meetings prior to the official vote in the latter part of the GA. We have adopted this approach as it provides more opportunity for congregants to participate in the discussion and enables us to conduct a more effective and efficient annual meeting to get our important work done while being respectful of your time.

Please join these UUCF congregational conversations to fully participate in our mission and prepare for the upcoming votes at our Annual Meeting on June 10th.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Film Pre-screening & Potluck

Sunday, May 20, 12:45 p.m. Join Rev. Carl for a screening of the film, *Come Sunday*, based

on true events about the globally-renowned pastor Carlton Pearson, a prodigy of Oral Roberts, who risked and lost everything when he questioned church doctrine. Rev. Carlton Pearson joined All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 2008 after he was branded a modern-day heretic with his understanding of an inclusive God and his founding of the "Gospel of Inclusion."

[If you are unable to attend, this film is available on Netflix streaming.]

## April Full Moon Labyrinth Walk

Sunday, April 29, 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy the beauty and peace of the Labyrinth by the light of the full moon! Please be sure to arrive by 9 pm at the latest. Everyone is welcome. Weather permitting, this will be an outdoor, drumming walk. The first half hour will be a quiet walk, the remainder drumming, so feel free to bring hand drums and other percussion instruments.

## GROUPS

**Dismantling Racism Team:**  
Monday, May 7, 6:30pm

**Visual Arts Committee:**  
Tuesday, May 8, 1pm

**Climate Change Working Group:**  
Saturday, May 12, 10:00am (Room 113)

**Social Action:** Tuesday, May 15, 5:30pm  
(Brown bag dinner, 5pm)

And finally .....

**UUCF Adopt-A-Road**  
Saturday, May 12, 9:00am to noon  
(meet by the sheds).  
Clean-up of Elmer Derr. Help Welcome!

# Actions for Peace and Justice, UUCF Youth Group



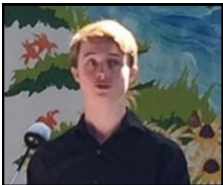
Joey, Fiona, and Cole at the March for Our Lives in DC

Our high school students presented their Sunday morning service on April 8 by striking a solemn note. They feel they are fighting for their lives, for protection in their schools from the gun violence that now threatens to cut them down. The service they offered us was powerful and moving. These young people are strong, determined, and they are sticking together!

Will we adults step up and demand our that our kids are protected, or will they have to fight alone for their lives. They haven't been protected from gun violence yet, so the answer seems clear.



Leah Young



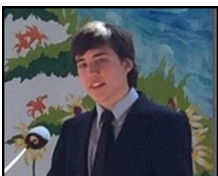
Joey Schuman



Brenna Major



Fiona Torok



Cole Bromfield



Claudia Cruey

Not pictured: Leslie Covington

# Social & Environmental Action Issues

Betsy Bainbridge,  
Chair, Social Action  
Committee (SAC)

**JUSTice + ACTion = JustAct**  
<http://uusocialjustice.org/news>

Karen Russell, Chair,  
Climate Change  
Working Committee



## INSTITUTION RACISM IN OUR COUNTY TODAY

By Roger Sobkowiak

The NAACP president, Willie Mahone, last month challenged the Frederick County School Board to do better. There are, according to 2017 school data, a disproportionate number of Black and Hispanic students suspended each year. Blacks are 6.7% of the student population, but account for 37.5% of the suspensions. Hispanics are 10.4% of the student population, but account for 18.7% of the suspensions. This is a disproportionality that occurs in most U.S. schools so the problem is not unique to Frederick County. Frederick School Board acknowledges the problem and says it has put into place procedures and programs that will solve the problem in three years.

Three years? If you are a Black or Hispanic parent, you do not want to hear that the problem will be solved in three years. If you are a concerned white parent you should be outraged that the school board is taking so long to address the inequity. It is good that Mr. Mahone and the NAACP are asking the right questions and raising the alarm. But they alone may not be powerful enough voice to force the school board do more.



UUCF members can help by

1. Attending the board meeting in which Mr. Mahone makes another appeal to a) stop all suspensions, b) create a committee to review the suspension decisions and c) create a task force to look at race relations throughout the school system
2. Volunteering to serve on either of the committees if and when they are established. Further, the UUCF could make a statement or write a letter in support of Mr. Mahone's proposal to lend weight to the request. Our members and friends who wish to could also write letters to the following address:

Board of Education  
Frederick County Public Schools  
191 South East Street  
Frederick, MD 21701  
Or [boe@fcps.org](mailto:boe@fcps.org)

Although final totals are not in, our **UUused Book Sale** earned about \$1400, about 1/3 more than last year. Many of you donated books, and the teams to set-up, sell, and clean up did wonderful work in all three areas. Many UUCF members not on the Social Action Committee helped. These included many new to our congregation. We can't list everyone but **WELL DONE** and many thanks to all, especially the Wednesday morning and Thursday evening Chalice Communities. The Social Action Committee will use this money for local social action projects in the multiple communities UUCF serves. Funds will also help pay for fluoride filters for the 2014 well that UUCF and MD Rotary Clubs helped dig in the village of Oltorotua, Kenya.

~~Mary Bowman Kruhm



READY



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SALE!

Photos by Roger Sobkowiak



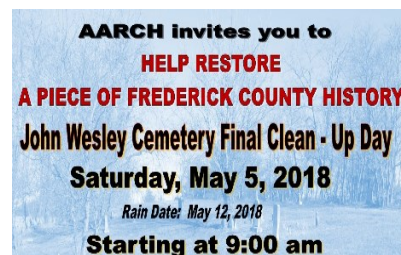
# Social & Environmental Action Issues

## SPLIT-PLATE OFFERING MAY 20

### AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH – CULTURAL AND HERITAGE

AARCH is devoted to preserving and disseminating the history and culture of African Americans living in Frederick County, Maryland. Members work to preserve and exhibit artifacts that tell the unique story of African Americans from our area and to share first-person and historical accounts. Their work facilitates an understanding of how the past shapes and enriches the present and the future of all citizens.

Visit [www.aarchsociety.org](http://www.aarchsociety.org) to learn about and join in the upcoming cleanup at John Wesley Cemetery that AARCH is planning on North Street just west of Rte. 550 in Libertytown on May 5. On the website, check out the Spring 2018 newsletter about archeological work at Catoctin furnace near Thurmont which has discovered the graves of over 100 Africans who were skilled ironworkers there. It is hoped that DNA results, when combined with data from a proposed DNA study of present-day county residents, will begin to answer questions about what happened to the enslaved peoples of Catoctin Furnace. Your support will also advance the dream of an African American Heritage Center in Frederick County.



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE (UUSC)

The UUSC is our denomination's agency for social action. UUSC works to promote social justice and to protect human rights around the world. It carries out this mission by establishing "partnerships" with grassroots organizations, working with them "on the ground," and by striving to influence policy. Currently UUSC has 78 partners in 32 countries, including the United States.

The UUSC Stewardship Circle recently met in Washington D.C. and heard from and about two of these many programs:

In Burma (Myanmar) a Muslim minority group, the Rohingya, have been the target of human rights violations and military terror. UUSC representatives have visited

refugee camps, provided humanitarian aid, and called on Congress to demand UN action regarding these many abuses.

In our own country, a small Native American tribe in Louisiana must resettle because of rising sea (gulf) levels and Mississippi River levee construction. UUSC is partnering with The Lowland Center to help tribe members cope with the many problems of resettlement.

These are but two UUSC actions in furtherance of our denomination's humanitarian principles and purposes. For more information, see or email Bill Butler <[wb6566@gmail.com](mailto:wb6566@gmail.com)>.

### *Climate-based movie series*

The Multifaith Alliance of Climate Stewards of Frederick is a faith-based coalition working on climate issues in Frederick County. Several UUCF members are involved. Our first activity is a movie series. The May events are below: Title Date and time Location *From the Ashes* May 3, 7:00pm Friends Meeting, 723 N. Market, Frederick. About the legacy of the coal industry on several communities and how they are facing the future. *Merchants of Doubt* May 20, 2:00pm Middletown United Methodist Church, 7108 Fern Ct Middletown. Compares the tactics of the tobacco industry in the 1990s and today's climate deniers.

Contact: Jeff Wilson ([jmrdwilson@comcast.net](mailto:jmrdwilson@comcast.net)) 240 385-5503

# FISCAL NOTES as of March 31, 2018

General Operating Fund	YTD through March (75% of year)	% of Budget	2017-18 Approved UUCF Operating Budget
Contributions:	\$397,579		\$ 440,583
All Other Income:	\$ 87,719		\$98,893
Total Income:	\$479,298	89%	\$539,476
Employee/Staff Expense:	\$205,315		\$275,997
Facilities Expense:	\$142,694		\$187,529
All other Expenses:	\$ 59,343		\$75,752
Total Expenses:	\$407,352	76%	\$539,278
Difference (Net):	\$71,945		\$195

**To Those who Pledged for 2017-2018:** Your recent pledges of support to UUCF (more than \$360,000 as of the day I write this) are so very valuable in helping the Board of Trustees plan for the coming year. UUCF is a communal project: we plan our own finances year by year, then do our best to live within that plan. Because you pledge, you make it possible to anticipate if our revenues and expenses will be realistic. In my 10+ years of working with congregational finances, the Board has never recommended a fiscal plan that anticipates deficit spending. Your pledges are a key to that.

In June, every member of UUCF will vote on the Board's recommended financial plan. You will receive a summary of the expected budget (dollars in/dollars out), and also have an opportunity to examine all the details for the year starting July 1. Please save the date, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and make it a point to vote at our Annual Congregational meeting.

**Split-Plate donations:** Thank you for generously sharing your resources through UUCF's Split Plate project. Healthcare as a Human Right was our March beneficiary – we sent \$1025 for their work in Maryland. In April, we collected more than \$1200 for Able & Willing, the Frederick-based organization that funds innovative education projects in several African nations.

Thank you for your interest and support!  
Meg Menke, Treasurer

## STEWARDSHIP NOTES

We are very happy to report that our 2018-2019 Pledge Season has ended with us finishing at over 95% of our goal. The Stewardship Team would like to thank each and every one of you who pledged during this season. Your generosity helps sustain and enhance the mission of our congregation to encourage spiritual growth, build a beloved community, and act for peace and justice. Thank you!

We would like to recognize a special gift we received from an anonymous giver at the end of the Pledge Drive. The generous contribution lifted us very close to our goal. The gift was made in the loving memory of Doug Foard, a long-time UUCF member who recently passed away. Our anonymous giver wants to recognize Doug for his many contributions to UUCF and for his cherished friendship.

~~Bill Cranmer



## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2 DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL EVENTS!!!

On **Sunday, June 10**, we will be having our Salad Social at 11:30. This is a Potluck based on salads of all kinds, with the goal of people having a nice, light lunch as they participate in the Annual Congregational Meeting that will start at about 11:45. We will need delicious salads of all kinds, ideally brought to UUCF before the 10:30 service. We will need a small team of kitchen helpers who are willing to miss the last 20 minutes of the service so they can help set up and serve the luncheon out in the Atrium. We will provide cold drinks, bread, and munchies. Please email Nancy Roblin, [nancy.roblin@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.roblin@gmail.com), if you can bring a salad, what kind it will be, and/or if you can help out in the kitchen starting at 11:10.

On **Sunday, July 29**, we'll have our Watermelon Social, also starting at 11:30. This is a fun-filled mid-summer event - a tasty potluck lunch, based on your watermelon offerings - salads, cold soups, watermelon juice drinks, plus desserts. We will provide hotdogs with all the fixings, plus lemonade and iced tea, and ice cream treats for the children. We will need CANOPY TENTS to provide shade. We also need a team of adults who can help set up and run the GAMES for kids out on the back lawn. Please email Nancy Roblin if you can provide any of these foods or assistance: [nancy.roblin@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.roblin@gmail.com).

## UUCF BOOK CLUB

Friday, May 11, 7:30pm

The book for discussion is *The Blue Hills of Maryland* by Paula Strain. (Included in the book are stories about history along the Appalachian Trail on South Mountain and the Catocins.)

The UUCF book club will meet at the home of Jane and Geary Hufstедler, 212 S Market St. Their phone number is 501-658-8690. Call to find out about accessibility.

All are welcome.

The book club would like to thank Ed Mordan for a lively, multi-sensory talk about bees at our last meeting!

~~Diana Pitcher  
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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd- Keith Low; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Phillip Kolb; 5<sup>th</sup> - Laurel Ady; 6<sup>th</sup> Dave Hutchins; 7<sup>th</sup> - Ned Collins-Chase; 8<sup>th</sup> - Jasmine Whims; 9<sup>th</sup> - Karen Reilly; 11<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Sargent, Peter Singley; 12<sup>th</sup> - Rick Mead; 17<sup>th</sup> - Ivy O'Keefe; 18<sup>th</sup> - Michael Askounes; 19<sup>th</sup> - Sandy LeMessurier 20<sup>th</sup> - Elaine Lynch; 21<sup>st</sup> - Gary Hayes; 22<sup>nd</sup> - Bridget Macusi; 23<sup>rd</sup> - Karen Butler, Lila Grace; 24<sup>th</sup> Haven Silvio, Megan John; 25<sup>th</sup> - Tom Simpson; 26<sup>th</sup> Susan Brousseau; 27<sup>th</sup> - Jim Bryant, Alexa Gleaton, Nadia Remaley; 28<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Spicer; 29<sup>th</sup> Sam Norris

### Retired UU Ladies Eating Out

(RUULEO) May 8,  
11:30am-1:30pm

RUULEO will meet in Wegman's Lounge at 11:30am for lunch and good company.

Wegman's has a huge buffet bar. Come join us ladies for lunch. Call Marj 301-693-6195 for more info if needed.

See you there.

### Retired UU Men Eating Out (RUUMEO)

1st and 3rd Wednesday,  
8:00am

Every Month!!  
Golden Corral on Rte. 355

# UUMAC



Whether or not you are a UU, whether or not you live in the mid-Atlantic states, whether or not you have attended other UU summer camps, please consider yourself invited to: the UUMAC Summer Institute! (Extra Bonus: KIDS LOVE THE CAMP!)

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~~Ann Andrex

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FREE UUCF SHUTTLE RIDES TO AND FROM ELMER DERR & MT. ZION PARK-n-RIDE COMMUTER LOT AND OUR CHURCH BUILDING.  
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