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Unison

Weekly Announcements

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SINGLE SERVICE AT 10AM – SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 29 – This Sunday is our annual poetry service. Its theme is Poetry and Spirit. Come and hear the way in which Pablo Neruda, Mary Oliver, Hafiz, Rilke and others connect spirit to their art form.

Congregational Life

FRIENDLY FORUM

*****Summer Schedule (9:00 AM)*****

September 5 - Gay Rights and other Equality Issues (Social Action Sunday - Aimee Martin)

*****Winter Schedule (10:00 AM)*****

September 12 - The Good, the True, the Beautiful - Religion and Science, Psychology and Culture (Rev. Hughes)

EQUALITY MARYLAND

Equality Maryland Aimee Martin Will Speak about an Important Difference between the LGBT and Non- LGBT Communities: Their Rights as Citizens.

Please welcome Aimee Martin of Equality Maryland at the 9:00am Friendly Forum or during coffee time after the service. She will be speaking about basic rights that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) residents don't have that other Maryland residents take for granted and why the following legislative issues are so important:

- * The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act to allow two people to marry regardless of their gender.
- * The Gender Identity Anti-Discrimination Act to prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, credit and public places such as restaurants and stores.

WATER COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

Please remember to collect water from your travels in August to bring to commingle with waters of past years and past travels on **Water Communion Sunday, which inaugurates our return to two Sunday services, at 9:00am and 11:00am in the morning.**

THE UUCF BOOK CLUB will meet on Friday, September 24 at the home of Carol Colloton in West Virginia. The book we will be discussing is *Paradox of Choice* by Barry Schwartz. We meet at 7:30 pm. For directions to Carol's house, you may e-mail her at cacolloton@hotmail.com. Her phone number is 304-728-6425, and her address is 164 Bedford Drive, Charlestown, WV 25414.

MESSAGE FROM DOTTIE HALL, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – Monday, September 6, 2010, is Labor Day, a holiday for me. As this holiday falls on my day off, I will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday and will be back in the office on Wednesday, September 8th.

CHRONOLOGICALLY GIFTED

Come join us on September 11 at 12:00 Noon for the Chronologically Gifted luncheon in rooms 113-115. We'll catch up on what we've been doing this summer. Or if this summer wasn't the best, remember a really interesting summer. Rev. Bob will join us for the early part of our luncheon if he is able. This is a good way for new people to get to know others. Bring a dish and a smile. We'll be glad to see you. Give me a call if you have any questions. I'll see you there. Marj 301-693-6195.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 23RD FOR THE UUCF AUCTION

The annual UUCF Auction, our main fund-raising event, is scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd. Please be thinking of what you will put up for sale, especially social activities that you host. These provide opportunities for new members to get to know others. Also, consider auctioning a vacation home for a week, offering your services, or how about that still usable item that you no longer want? You sell the activity or item at the Auction, the money goes to UUCF.

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

NEWS FROM SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Now that social action is combined with environmental justice/Green Sanctuary, we are making plans to spiff up the work of the newly formed Social and Environmental Justice committee (SEJC). If you have been a regular to the Friendly Forum, you heard the speaker that the Social Action Committee provided once a month. SEJC will continue that, but with some changes.

* This year we will invite speakers who have a topic not directly associated with the organization but a "good fit" with the split-plate recipient. Because some representatives have often presented at the FF several times, people know a great deal about the group.

Community Correctional Services Committee is a good example. As September's split-plate recipient you know this group mostly from UUCF members who work with the Alternatives to Violence Project at the Maryland Correctional Institution—Hagerstown. CCSC, the parent group, relies on our contribution to help AVP and their other prison projects. If you want to know more, contact this year's CCSC president Dave Hutchins or Secretary Sherry Bourgeois or AVP members, Emma Lou Comstock, Nancy Hutchins, or Carl Kruhm. CCSC brochures are available at the SEJC kiosk in the Narthex. Needless to say, with so many UUCF members involved, please give generously to September 19th split-plate collection.

* SEJC will provide a FF speaker on the FIRST Sunday of the month instead of the second. On Sunday, September 5th, Aimee Martin from Equality Maryland will speak about the law and equal rights for gay marriage and other equality issues. Aimee will speak at the 9:00am. Friendly Forum and also stay for coffee and questions after the service.

Join us during September as we kick off the new and improved SEJ Committee. Attend the September 5th FF, contribute to September 19th split-plate, and please also contribute some time to SEJC. Business meetings are at UUCF on the second Tuesday of the month. The SEJ Discussion and Action meetings will resume September 19th. The focus of our Sunday meetings this fall will be completing UUCF's Green Sanctuary national certification application.

SEPTEMBER SEJ DISCUSSION RESCHEDULED TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The SEJ Discussion Group has been rescheduled in order to allow members to attend the Awakening the Dreamer symposium that will be held on September 19. The focus of the discussion will be formulating an action plan for completion of our Green Sanctuary certification this year. If you have been active in any part of greening UUCF (building, grounds, kitchen, sustainability, fair trade, etc), please try to attend this initial organizational meeting. We particularly need input from those who have a historical perspective of UUCF's Green Sanctuary program.

FASHION SHOW NEWS: YOU CAN BE UUCF'S NEXT TOP FASHION MODEL!!

Volunteer beginning this weekend to be a model in the 2010 Fair Trade Fashion Show, which will be held Saturday, December 4, 2010. Sign-up sheets will be in the Green Sanctuary Cabinet. All ages and genders invited! Feel free to browse the on-line catalogues of this year's fashion partners, and if you see an outfit you particularly like, we will try to obtain it for you to model! Our 2010 fashion partners are:

* Marketplace: Handwork of India - (<http://marketplaceindia.org/Main.aspx>) - A nonprofit organization helping to build women-led social enterprise movement through fair-trade fashion and local community action in India's slums. We featured their fashions in our first Fairly Fashionable Show (2009).

* Autonomie Project, Inc. (<https://www.autonomieproject.com/>) - a New Fair Trade fashion company, founded in 2007, offering stylish sweatshop-free, vegan, and eco-friendly footwear, clothing, and accessories.

* Deva Lifewear (www.devalifewear.com/mm5/merchant.mvc) - A US company which started as a cottage industry in Burkittsville, Maryland, offering comfortable, functional cotton clothing crafted at home.

You can see slideshows of our 2008 and 2009 Fashion Shows on Picassa (<http://picasaweb.google.com/SJSmithgill>)

RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

Potomac Conservancy, in partnership with the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, is hosting a rain garden workshop at Bar-T Mountainside. Learn how to manage storm water through rain gardens, pollinator gardens and other turf-reducing practices, and get hands-on experience planting native plants.

When: Saturday, September 25, 10:00am – 4:00pm

Where: Bar-T Mountainside, 2914 Roderick Rd., Urbana, MD

RSVP to Aimee Weldon, weldon@potomac.org, no later than September 20.

Adult Spiritual Enrichment

NEW ADULT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT BROCHURE

The new brochure is available at the welcome desk in the lobby, at the Religious Education kiosk in the Narthex, and at www.frederickuu.org. Please see opportunities for:

- A Sample Chalice Community Session (September 19 and October 3).
- Continuing Tai Chi classes on Tuesday evenings
- An opportunity to engage each other with guidance from the Membership Committee as we reflect on "Membership Expectations"
- Pathways to Membership (2 sessions) for those new to UUCF or who are new members at UUCF. (October 3 and 10).
- Another workshop with Buddhist Bhante Sujatha in October.

Other classes, discussions, or workshops that may yet be scheduled this fall will be announced through the Unison. Please sign up for things in which you are interested; it helps the planning.

Any questions, comments, or proposals are welcomed at enrichment@frederickuu.org. ASE Committee: Ann Foard, Nancy Hutchins, Carole Benson, and Penny McDougal.

CHALICE COMMUNITY – TIME TO SIGN UP – EVERYONE WELCOME.

The UUCF Chalice Community (also known as small group ministry) is a program made up of small groups, normally six to ten members each, which meet twice monthly October through June for spiritual and intellectual exploration and growth through discussion of topics of interest to the group. Our discussions are based on our personal and life experiences—no homework! This year some of the sessions will parallel Rev. Hughes discussions of our UU sources.

Groups are being formed for 2010-2011 and will begin meeting mid-October. Please register so we can begin forming the groups for this year. Re-registration IS necessary for previous participants. Our registration process includes a place for you to tell us when you're available to meet. Please include all times you could meet, as groups will be formed based on participants' availability. We welcome newcomers, friends, and members to participate.

Please see the yellow CC brochure and registration information at the Religious Education station in the Narthex and on the web at www.frederickuu.org under "Religious Education." You may indicate your interest in CC by emailing cc@frederickuu.org. Please include your contact information and all available mornings or evenings you are available. Steering Committee co-chairs: Nancy Hutchins & Diane Shuey.

CHALICE COMMUNITY SAMPLE SESSION SEPTEMBER 19 AND OCTOBER 3

Curious about how a CC meeting might go? Want to test drive this program? Two separate sessions will be offered after the late service on September 19 and October 3. See the Adult Spiritual Enrichment brochure for more information or contact cc@frederickuu.org.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st – Wallis Shamieh; 2nd – Ann Foard; 3rd – Chloe McKeel, Dudley Smith Hasty; 7th – Gabriel Consaul, Max Harold; 10th – Seth Albers, Bryce Wellington; 11th – Andrew Gribben, Alexandra Kindahl; 15th – Christian Kloc, Emily Kloc; 16th – Pinoake Browning, Meg Menke; 17th – Ezra Harner, Joanne Spivey; 19th – Luke McMullen, Fred Stephens; 20th – Glenn Matthies; 21st – Lindsey Roschel; 22nd – Seamus Callin, Rebecca Dean, Skylar Robisch; 24th – Hope Sorensen (Antoniewicz), Tegan Sorenson (Antoniewicz); 25th – Matt Mead; 26th – Denise McIntyre-Workman; 27th – David Wilson; 28th – Kraig Elliott; and 30th – Walt Slaby..

Fiscal Matters

WHAT IS THE "UUCF WISH LIST"? HOW DO I MAKE A CONTRIBUTION?

At the Congregation's Annual Meeting on June 13, UUCF members approved our financial plan for the new UUCF church year that began on July 1. The plan has two parts. First is the "status quo" budget. It takes care of all regular salary, building and program costs; these are the things you pay for through pledges, fund-raising projects, etc. Second, members adopted a "wish list" of improvements we would like to make, all of which will require new donations. Here are the items on the Wish List:

- a mowing service to keep our grounds trimmed on a year-round schedule and a commercial cleaning service twice a month (we hired a mowing service and a commercial cleaning service and would like to continue them).
- ~~100 copies of the new hymnal now available from UUA, plus some replacement copies of the current hymnal~~
- paying the full amount of our annual dues to UUA and JPD (the status quo budget will pay for part of the dues, but we wish to pay them all!)
- donations targeted to our Capital Reserve Fund, i.e., the money we use for major repairs of the building

People have inquired how to make a donation to the Wish List. Remember, these will be donations over and above your regular pledge. You can write a check or submit a "Wish List Pledge". Pledges should be in writing, telling the Treasurer how much you plan to donate to the Wish List and when you will make payments. If you can write a check to UUCF, add the note "Wish List" on the memo line.

Yes, you may designate your donation to just one of the Wish List items. Be sure to tell us your intention by making a note on your check or supplementary pledge.

Pastoral Care

THE PASTORAL CARE ASSOCIATES stand ready to be of service to each of our members and friends when illness, death or family difficulties arise. We count on hearing from you in time of need so that we might be useful in caring. No one need cope alone. We honor your privacy with utmost respect. Please call or write any of the Pastoral Care Associates listed below.

Fanny Johnsson – fjohnsson@comcast.net – 301-694-5474

Carol Silkwood – crsilk@comcast.net – 301-663-5674

Maida Wright – maida2@netzero.net – 301-694-6518

Diane Shuey – dbshuey@comcast.net – 301-865-6023

Deborah Calhoun – deborahcalhoun@comcast.net – 301-865-0249

IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO CALL AHEAD IF YOU WISH TO MEET WITH REV. HUGHES OR ANY STAFF MEMBER.

REV. ROBERT HUGHES' CURRENT WORK SCHEDULE

Thursdays:

9:00 am – 12:00 Noon

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Fridays:

10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Sundays – 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

The minister will preach two Sundays each month and will usually be present on the other Sundays.

When there are committee meetings or board meetings on a Thursday night, the minister will stay later. The two hours on Thursday from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 pm are for lunch and any needed hospital visitation

Ms. Dottie Hall, the church administrator, has access to the minister's calendar. Should the minister not be available, you may talk with her regarding scheduling a meeting. Please reserve any free Thursday evenings for people who have day jobs.

Should there be needs outside of the available times allotted, please let the minister know.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – LORA POWELL'S OFFICE HOURS

Sunday – 8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Monday – Day Off

Tuesday – 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday – 9:00 am – 2:30 pm (at home)

Thursday – 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Friday – 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon (at home)

THE UUCF STAFF meets regularly. There is a "staff suggestion" box in the Narthex. Please either contact the staff directly or through the box. If you would like a response, please include a name and phone number and/or an email address.

Rev. Robert Hughes – minister@frederickuu.org

Dottie Hall – office@frederickuu.org

Lora Powell – education@frederickuu.org

Sue Singley – circleoflife@frederickuu.org

Carrie Bagwill – clcadmin@frederickuu.org

Alice Kleinfeld – calendar@frederickuu.org

Turner Stokes – webmaster@frederickuu.org

Dottie Hall's Office Hours

Monday – Day Off

Tuesday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thursday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

REMINDER: In order to schedule a room for meetings, etc., please complete a "Calendar Reservation Form" located in the office (and next to the drinking fountains by the office door) or reserve space online at www.frederickuu.org/space_reserve.html. Changes should be forwarded to calendar@frederickuu.org. As a scheduling aid, you may refer to the UUCF 3 Year Schedule of Events at www.frederickuu.org/uucf_schedule_3yr.html.

REMINDER: When you are planning to use the office facilities either for equipment use (i.e., computer or copier) or for office support (i.e., bulk mailing or copying), please coordinate this through the Office Administrator, Dottie Hall. Dottie can be reached at 301-473-7680 or office@frederickuu.org.

REMINDER: Please send all submissions to our weekly newsletter, The Unison, to announcements@frederickuu.org – Deadline is Noon on Wednesday. Please specify in the subject line either "Unison" or "Mid-Week Announcements".

UUCF Activities – Week of September 5, 2010

Sunday, September 5

9:00 am – Friendly Forum – Room 113/115
9:30 am – 11:30 pm–Nursery (0-5 years); 10:00 am–Religious Education
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:15 am – Equality Maryland Presentation/Discussion
– Rooms 113/115

Monday, September 6

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am – CLC Preschool – Nursery/Room 119
7:00 pm – Tai Chi Class – Chapel
7:00 pm – Social and Environmental Justice Committee
Meeting – Rooms 113/115

Wednesday, September 8

9:00 am – CLC Preschool – Nursery/Room 119
4:00 pm – (Kol Ami Setup Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sancturay)
7:00 pm – (Kol Ami Setup Erev Rosh Hashanah – Kitchen)
7:30 pm – Kol Ami Erev Rosh Hashanah Service – Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 9

8:45 am – (Rosh Hashanah Service Setup – Sanctuary)
9:00 am – (Kol Ami Rosh Hashanah Setup – Kitchen)
9:15 am – (Kol Ami Rosh Hashanah Tot Service – Sanctuary)
10:00 am – (Kol Ami Rosh Hashanah Jr. Congregation
Service – Rooms 113/115)
10:00 am – (Kol Ami Rosh Hashanah Children's Programming
– Room 124)
10:00 am – (Kol Ami Rosh Hashanah Service – Sanctuary)
7:00 pm – Board of Trustees Meeting – Rooms 113/115

Friday, September 10

9:00 am – CLC Preschool – Nursery/Room 119

Saturday, September 11

9:00 am – Worship Associates Retreat – Room 113 and Room 125)
11:00 am – Chronologically Gifted Luncheon & Meeting Setup
– Rooms 113/115
12:00 pm – Chronologically Gifted Luncheon & Meeting
– Rooms 113/115

Sunday, September 12

9:00 am – Early Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:00 am – Friendly Forum – Rooms 113/114
10:30 am – Nursery (0-5 years); 10:00 am–Religious Education
11:00 am – Late Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:30 am – Art Reception Preparation – Room 113
12:00 Noon – Art Reception – Room 113
12:30 pm – Social and Environmental Justice Discussions – Room 124

(Parenthesis denotes an outside rental guest)