



The UU Circle

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston

You Are Welcome Here!



July 2017

A Month of Sundays

Sunday Services at 11:00 AM, 1127 Old Fallston Road, P.O. Box 258, Fallston, MD (410-877-3773)

July 02 “Can a divided America heal?” Scott Phillips

How can the US recover after the negative, partisan presidential election of 2016? Social psychologist Jonathan Haidt studies the morals that form the basis of our political choices. In conversation with TED Curator Chris Anderson, he describes the patterns of thinking and historical causes that have led to such sharp divisions in America.

July 09 “Music Improv” – Dan & Mark

July 16 “Abraham Lincoln’s Religious Story” - Fran Kriston

Some historians portray Abraham Lincoln as an atheist. Many people have the impression he was deeply religious. Who is right? It depends. In this talk we will review the fascinating details of Abraham Lincoln's religious life.

July 23 “Implicit Bias: How Our Unconscious Minds Lead Us Astray” – Cheri Wilson

Have you ever wondered why sometimes our actions don't match our professed beliefs? Come learn about implicit bias and how it affects our everyday lives, such as in criminal justice, employment, housing, and media. Most importantly, participants will be equipped with tips and debiasing techniques for mitigating implicit bias.

July 30 “Poetry” – Richard Gordon Zyne

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 09 9:45 am Board of Trustees Meeting - In UUF Office - All are welcome to attend.

July 22 Book Club - Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. Meeting will be held at the home of Gail Drew: 3807 Prospect Road, Street, MD 21154. Time: 7:00pm
Please RSVP Gail at: 410-836-1234 Email: arcadiastreet@gmail.com

July 29 “Dinner Out” - We went to Hawaii and next is Greek at the Greek Village in Bel Air on July 29th, 6:30, 129 Baltimore Pike. In August we will go to China at Bamboo Garden on the 26th, 225 Briarhill Shop. Ctr. No dinner out in Sept. The last planned dinner out for 2017 will be Italian on Oct. 21st at Enotria in Forest Hill. Please set these dates aside and join us for some fun ethnic dining! RSVP to Dee: Naturelover2017@gmail.com

Wednesdays 7:00PM Mindful Meditation sessions continue at UUF.

For Your Information

At the Board of Trustees meeting in June questions came up regarding the record keeping for donations and paying bills. It seems like a good idea for everyone to know and understand our procedures.

Collection:

After services on Sundays, the treasurer (Fran Kriston) counts the cash and checks in the collection plate, places them in a dated envelope, and records the amounts on the envelope which he signs. Then he asks another willing and available member to count and confirm the amounts and also to sign the envelope. Included in that collection are any checks that may have been received in the mail.

Fran takes a photo copy of the checks so that an accurate record can be made of donors and their contributions. That record is later entered into a computer program that assists small churches in notifying members quarterly of the amount they have paid of their pledges. In January it also provides the previous calendar year's total of those donations which is mailed to members to assist them in their IRS filings.)

He deposits the collection in the church's PNC Bank checking account usually on the following day.

The deposit slip, the collection envelope and the photo copy of the checks are filed by date in the church office.

Expenses:

When a member is responsible for buying supplies for the church such as paper plates, coffee, RE materials, etc., they may attach a receipt to an UUF authorization form requesting reimbursement for an item they personally purchased. For usual minor expenditures under \$200, prior approval is not required of a committee chair or officer as long as the purchase was reasonable and there is sufficient money remaining in the budget approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in May. Larger amounts need to be discussed at a board meeting or with Fran prior to purchase.

Fran has authority to pay the normal bills such as BGE, telephone, and insurance that are received in the mail. Those bills are "authorized" because they are included in the budget approved by the congregation In May.

If a special project may come up that involves expenditures not included in the budget, it can be authorized by the board. If they believe the congregation should decide, they can call a congregational meeting for a full discussion and vote on the issue.

The Board of Trustees oversees an audit annually conducted by three or four UUF members. A sample of the checkbook transactions, deposits, authorization slips with receipts or other verifications are compared with the bookkeeping spreadsheet entries and bank statements. When this procedure was first developed, it was with the understanding that if any inconsistencies were discovered, the board would authorize payment for an outside auditing firm to do a formal audit. That was about fifteen years ago and no problems have been uncovered in that time.

Outreach

HARFORD FOOD PANTRY

We are doing a good thing that is definitely appreciated. Please keep those donations coming so we can support this worthy cause. Food Pantry counts on us for the grape jelly we donate on a regular basis. They are always very appreciative of our offerings.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 04/30/17
FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/15 to 5/31/16

Operating Income:

Pledges/donations \$ 23,144
Rent \$ 2,801

Total **Income (YTD)** \$ 25,945

Operating **Expenses (YTD)**..... - \$ 24,616