



The UU Circle

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston

You Are Welcome Here!



June 2016

A Month of Sundays

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

June 05 "Original Blessing" – Rev. Terry Ellen

His book of this name got Matthew Fox busted as a priest, but he put his finger on the central message of all religious traditions of earth, Judaic and early Christian included. Original sin is a poor, distorted, secondary development in Christian thought. And this is more than obtuse theology we're talking about, since all of us hunger for a feeling of blessing upon us.

June 12 "The Wisdom of Aging" – Rev. Dale Lantz

In his book, *Aging as a Spiritual Process*, Buddhist teacher Lewis Richmond says, "It is true that everything we love is destined to change, age, and pass away. But it is equally true that every moment brings with it new possibilities. We shouldn't allow our fixed ideas about aging to take those opportunities away." How are you handling the realities of aging as your life unfolds? What can we do to continue to move into the future in ways that are both hopeful, compassionate and real? Reverend Lantz will share possibilities from his reflections as pastor, hospice chaplain, and Buddhist practitioner.

June 19 Father's Day There will be no Sunday Service today. Starting next week we will begin our series of "Summer Sundays" which are activities or lectures created and presented by congregation members for the benefit of the group.

June 26 "Mindfulness for Everyday Living" – Leslie Sarkin, MS

Our newest UUF member, Leslie Sarkin, will introduce us to the theory and practice of Mindfulness. Leslie studied at the Shambhala Center and has followed this meditation technique for the last eight years. At the end of this session, those *who are interested* will be invited to join an informal Mindfulness group.

For information on Mindfulness, please click on the following links to find NYT articles on the topic:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/20/nyregion/no-texts-please-were-meditating.html>

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/02/18/contemplation-therapy/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 12 Board of Trustees Meeting - 9:45am in UUF Office: All are welcome to attend.
Sunday

June 12 Noon The results of the Head, Heart, and Hands Survey will be shared with the congregation.

June 11 Book Club –Our book is *Euphoria* by Lily King, a fictionalized account of a 1933 field trip to New Guinea by the famed anthropologist Margaret Mead, her first husband Reo Fortune, and the man who would become her second husband Gregory Bateson. The New York Times review states the novel is "uncanny as it is transporting" and "a considered portrait of Western anthropology in its primitivist heyday. It's also a taut, witty, fiercely intelligent tale of competing egos and desires in a landscape of exotic menace."

At 6:30 PM Book Club will meet at the home of Dee Brow - 2824 Orchard Lakes Drive, Baldwin, MD 21013. Please RSVP by June 8 at 410-692-5983 or naturelover2017@gmail.com

June 05 UUF Annual Picnic Burgers, Hot Dogs, & Drinks will be provided. Please bring sides & desserts.
(Note Change of Date from June 12 to June 5)

June 18 Dinner Out at 6:00PM – The Main Street Oyster Bar- 119 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

Reflect and Engage

On May 22 most of us returned our completed **Head, Heart, and Mind Survey** which was based on the “Post It Notes” generated during the April Brainstorming session. (Also on May22 a document showing **all** Post It ideas was distributed to attendees.) The purpose of the **Head, Heart, and Hands Survey** was to reveal which philosophers, topic, ideas and activities are of most interest to individual members. There was also a place on the survey for respondents to contribute additional praise, suggestions, and questions. During the next few weeks members of the planning committee will tabulate survey results.

On June 12th recommendations will be offered for congregation consideration. At this time it is also the committee’s hope that UUF members will choose a topic, task, idea, or activity to explore further during the summer months. As we implement our plans endeavor to increase engagement within and without our community

Introducing Rev. Terry Ellen

Rev. Dr. Terence "Terry" Ellen begins this month serving as our Consulting Minister. Terence Ellen has been a Unitarian Universalist minister for thirty-three years in Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Maryland.

Terry is not new to the area. He was most recently Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice of the Baltimore/Washington/Northern Virginia Region. In that position he worked on social justice issues including global warming, affordable housing, health care for all, marriage equality for same-sex couples, multiculturalism, anti-racist initiatives, and opposition to the use of torture.

Terry lives in Pikesville with his wife, Amy, and is cleaning up after raising a family. He is involved in climate justice organizations and loves his garden. Terry is also currently the Consulting Minister in Cumberland, Maryland, conducting one service a month.

We look forward to his new relationship and the future growth and vitality of UUF. *Scott Phillips*

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.

SHARING TABLE

UUF Sharing Table dates for 2016 are as follows:

- Saturday, October 8, 2016;
- Saturday, November 19, 2016

These dates are far away, so get them on your calendar now so you don't forget about them. Members are needed to prepare food as well as serve, set up and clean up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Operating Income:

Pledges/donations	\$ 22,606
Rent	\$ 2,440

Total Income (YTD)	\$ 24,046
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Operating Expenses (YTD)	- \$ 25, 019
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