



# The UU Circle

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston

*You Are Welcome Here!*



**August 2017**

## *A Month of Sundays*

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

**August 06 “Whose Stories Matter?” –Dan Layman-Kennedy**

**August 13 “Motown” – Lucille Sonnichsen**

**August 20 “Sexual Unfolding” - Joan Garrity**

**August 27 Malchus One Ear by Richard Gordon Zyne**

Malchus One Ear shows that sometimes God’s anointed ones are here and we don’t even realize it. Malcus Doe spent the first 30 years of his life in a public psychiatric hospital, and then one day he is let out! Malchus says he is God’s prophet. Is he? We will learn more as Richard reads from his novel.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**August 13 9:45 am Board of Trustees Meeting** - In UUF Office - All are welcome to attend.

**August 11 Book Club – The Testament of Mary** by Colm Toibin. Meeting will be held at the home of Sharon Delgado: 3922 Greenpeak Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084. Time: 7:00pm  
Please RSVP Sharon at: 443-866-9459 Email: sharondelgado@me.com

**August 26 “Dinner Out”** - In August we will go to the Bamboo Garden Restaurant located at 225 Briarhill Drive, Belair, MD 21015. Please join us at 6:30pm for some fun ethnic dining! RSVP to Dee: Naturelover2017@gmail.com

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

## *Happy Birthday, Helen Coon*

Helen J. Coon was born on August 2, 1910 in Dallas, Texas. She described her father as strict and demanding and as a powerful influence on her life. Helen was not meek child. She later described herself as a contrary and strong-willed. On Helen’s birthdays her father gave her stocks as a way to induce her to save money and she was expected to pay her father back in cash the stock’s value. She played the stock market all her life.

Helen studied mathematics at college. She received a B.A. from Texas Tech and an M.A. From Southern Methodist University.

After graduation from SMU Helen and two other women friends drove from Texas to New York where they boarded a ship for Europe. The ship only had limited room, so the three women rode in the hold. They landed in Europe and toured the continent for two months.

Helen entered the work world teaching math at an elementary school in Dallas. She later changed careers and became a mathematician for the U.S. government.

Helen was not very fond of Texas, so when a position opened for her in Maryland at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, she took it, and moved north in 1945. She began at Aberdeen in one of the Ballistics Research Laboratories. She was promoted Analytical Statistician. In 1957 Helen was elected to the Advisory Council of the Lab as a member of the scientific staff. Here she was a professional woman before there were professional women and attended professional conferences as the only woman. In 1970 she retired and moved to Bel Air.

Helen traveled in Europe, Africa, and Latin America. She especially enjoyed Africa, taking many trips, one lasting two months. She liked traveling alone and meeting people in the countries she visited.

She joined the Harford County Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Helen gave a couple of sermons at the Fellowship.

In the split of the Fellowship she became a charter member of our new congregation.

It bothered Helen that she had no family. She had a cousin in California, whom she only saw twice. But Helen formed close relationships in our group and saw us her extended family. She had a dry sense of humor. She liked jokes with a play on words and a little naughtiness. Helen had everything that she needed in those later years, but friends knew that taking her a new joke would always be appreciated.

She enjoyed companionship. After having been taken to lunch, Helen would send a thank you note. At dinner with friends whose dog took a shine to Helen, she sent a thank you to her hosts and another to the dog.

Helen was a baseball fan, following the Orioles on TV and radio. She was good at the statistics. She also followed ice skating and football.

She usually completed the New York Times crossword puzzles, though she was stumped by horse-related words. Watching Jeopardy she could answer all the questions in all the categories. Her intellectual functioning was very important, and she had an anxiety about developing Alzheimer's disease.

Helen liked a little nip. She liked her martinis with toothpicks in the olives. She sipped sangria at her 80th birthday party (actually Helen was in a rehab nursing home at the time and we slipped her sangria in a fruit juice bottle). At this party, a surprise given by her Unitarian friends, someone looked in at the gathering and commented that Helen had a lot of family — she did indeed -- her Unitarian family.

In her 80's, Helen's health began to decline. She developed arthritis and lung cancer. She had a hip replacement and a minor stroke. Many of us visited her regularly and some would take her out to eat when she was able.

By the time we began services at the Little Falls Meeting of Friends, Helen was unable to attend due to her failing health. But she always asked any of us when we visited her how the group was doing and did we think we could make a go of it. She was happy that she was asked to be the first one to sign our membership book.

She died February 6, 1996. We were then told that she had left us something in her will. We thought it might be a modest sum that could help us raise enough money to rent a larger space of our own. She actually left us over \$500,000. We acquired the land and completed this building with no debt and established a memorial fund in her name.

## *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 06/30/17  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/17 to 5/31/18

Operating Income:	
Pledges/donations .....	\$ 2,410
Rent .....	\$ 525
<b>Total Income (YTD) .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,935</b>
<b>Operating Expenses (YTD).....</b>	<b>- \$ 3,667</b>