



The UU Circle.

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Fallston

You Are Welcome Here!



April 2017

A Month of Sundays

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

April 02 "Our Living Tradition" Rev. Terry Ellen

Most of us are familiar with our Unitarian Universalist Principles. Far fewer are aware of the Sources which inform our tradition. Today we'll consider these.

After the service, 12:30-1:30, all are welcome to our Unitarian Universalist Spirituality Circle. Today we'll be considering some meditation practices from India.

April 09 "Depression" – Dr. Daniel Hale

Depression hits different people in different ways: some are predisposed to resist or battle through it, while others are helpless in its grip. Twenty years ago, about 1.5 percent of the population had depression that required treatment; now it's 5 percent and as many as 17 percent of all Americans now living can expect to have a major depressive episode during their life.

April 16 "The Good News" - Rev. Terry Ellen

Around Passover time in Jerusalem about two thousand years ago, something of real import occurred, with good news for us all - maybe not in the doctrinal way often presented, but of real hope, courage, and healing nonetheless.

April 23 "The Widening Wealth Gap" – Rev. Terry Ellen

After the climate crisis, for me this is the second greatest moral issue of our time. If we are to hold on to our democracy and be fair and civil with each other, we simply have to address it.

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April 30 "Universalism for Our Time" – Rev. Terry Ellen

Our Universalist forebears held that the divine is all-loving, and so all people - all people - would be embraced for eternity in that all-conquering love. In the middle of the last century, Universalists attempted a new formulation of this older perspective to bring it up to date, particularly in the ministry of Ken Patton at the Charles Street Meeting House in Boston. Let's consider this rich, inspiring history and see what it might bring to us in these times.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 12 9:45 am Board of Trustees Meeting - In UUF Office - All are welcome to attend.

April 2, 23, & 30 12:30 to 1:30 PM - Spring Seminar

May 6 Dinner out - We're going to Hawaii! Come join us at "Uncle's" on Sat. May 6th @ 6:30. Uncle's Restaurant is located in the shopping center behind Burger King. (2315 Belair Rd. in Fallston) RSVP Dee @ Naturelover2017 or leave message at 410-692-5983 by April 26th. Aloha!

Rev. Terry's Column

I call it the Maryland Miracle. Governor Hogan stunned everyone by announcing he too supported a permanent ban on fracking in our state. No one saw this coming, not even after the House of Delegates approved it by a ninety to forty-seven vote margin. No doubt election issues and other behind-the-scenes happenings played a large part, but the fact remains that a concerted effort by citizens to inform us all about the public health dangers and other downsides of fracking for the common good played a huge role in moving the Delegates to their resounding vote and thus, in some way, the Governor. Maryland will soon be the only state in the Marcellus Shale region with a legislative permanent ban, becoming a national environmental and public health leader. It's time for a well-earned celebration by us all.

Similarly, a new health-care proposal died in Congress after major public negative feedback. By the analyses I read, the proposed bill was yet another way to transfer wealth upward from the very poor to the very rich, the exact antithesis of ages of ethical thinking in the West, both lay and religious.

For a religious movement with a major principle of supporting democratic process in our congregations and in society at large, these are huge happenings. We know about how we control our own destiny as a congregation and how this reflects our valuing of each and every person and their voice. But it is also for me inspiring to see people standing up all over against huge economic powers on behalf of the health of us all and actually prevailing. Of course we do not always agree on what we see as best for the public good, but to see informed debate happen amidst all the spin and paid lobbying and to witness a basic sense of fairness and decency emerge and lead is a great, hopeful, moral moment.

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

The first Sharing Table for UUF is **Saturday, April 22** at 10am-1:00pm

Volunteers are still needed for this Sharing Table which will be held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Edgewood, MD. Sloppy Joe cooks are needed to prepare food ahead of time as well as kitchen and dining room help on the 22nd. Sign up in the UUF foyer.

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Mindfulness Meditation

Mindfulness Sitting Meditation will resume on Wednesday May 3 at 7pm. Those who would like to attend, but are unable to come on Wednesday evenings should contact Leslie Sarkin at leelamae11@gmail.com. Other days or times may be available.

New this spring! Leslie and her daughter, Meghan, will present a Workshop on how to set up a daily (DOABLE) meditation practice. This will be offered sometime in May.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 2/28/17 FOR FISCAL YEAR 6/1/15 to 5/31/16	
Operating Income:	
Pledges/donations	\$ 20,212
Rent	\$ 2,601
 Total Income (YTD)	 \$22,813
 Operating Expenses (YTD).....	 - \$21,385

HELEN COON MEMORIAL FUND

How do you think the UUs of Fallston can do the most good with \$3,990 for the benefit of people living in Harford County?

Each year any profits from the Helen Coon Memorial Fund are designated for community out-reach projects

This year's entire amount can go to one, or be divided among more, worthwhile community outreach projects within Harford County. It is up to the church members to make suggestions and then the congregation will vote to determine this year's recipients. The possibilities include worthwhile civic or social projects as well as those for the poor or needy.

Deadline for submissions is April 15th. Please talk to Fran Kriston, Scott Phillips, or Charlene Phillips about your ideas or complete and submit the form below.

APPLICATION FOR HELEN COON MEMORIAL FUND PROJECT 2017

Your name: _____

Amount of money requested: _ _____

Suggested Project:

Place completed application in the collection plate on Sunday or mail to: UUF, Inc.
P O Box 258, Fallston, MD 21047-0258

