
WORSHIP SERVICES

May Theme: DELIGHT

Sun, May 5, 9 & 11:15 a.m.
Delighting in Creation

Artist Julia Ostara asks, “What if we are all temples for the presents and presence of divine delight to shine through?” In this special intergenerational service, we will find and celebrate *Delight* in our lives and spiritual journeys. Led by **Rev. Rebekah Savage** and **Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education.**

Special music by **Winston Davis**, violin; **Harold Yaffe**, clarinet; and **Dick Gilbert**, piano.

Multigenerational Service—
All* gather together in the Sanctuary for this service.
*Nursery care for infants—3-year-olds is available during the entire service in Building 3, Room 33.

Sun, May 12, 9 & 11:15 a.m.
Top Country Songs About Mom

Country music is a source of delight in Rev. Strauss’ life. The lyrics of country songs offer deep wisdom and helpful life lessons about mothers. Come celebrate Mother’s Day at UUCR and bring your mom or your daughter or your sister or your neighbor. Led by **Rev. Lynn Strauss.**

The **Adult Choir** will sing.
Justin Furnia, piano.

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Quest

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Legacy Sunday

by Sharrill Dittmann, Chair, Planned Giving Committee

Last month, I wrote to ask you to consider making a contribution to the UUCR Endowment Fund as a way of honoring the legacy of Lynn’s service to our congregation. This month, I’d like to present several ways of doing that. First, of course, is to make a gift out of your current funds. This is the easiest to do, but it takes funds out of your household funds (but never your pledge!). Sometimes, members make donations to the Fund to honor special friends or honor loved ones. Sometimes, a bonus or inheritance makes a gift possible.



A longer-term strategy is to include UUCR in your estate plans, i.e., to make a bequest. This has the advantage of not costing a cent today. That’s nice! The down side is that you may need to do some research, and we recommend that you consult your financial advisor or estate lawyer to be sure it’s done correctly and really accomplishes what you want to do. However, these consultations can be done as part of writing your will. That’s not something we all look forward to, but it is one of the best gifts you can give your family.

A third option is to make UUCR the beneficiary of a life-insurance policy, investment account, IRA, or other investment account. That can be as simple as filling out a form.

Fourth, there are ways to give money that will pay you as long as you’re alive. These include Charitable Gift Annuities and charitable Remainder Trusts.

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First Fifteen—Three to four Sundays a month, all ages* join in worship in the Sanctuary for the “First Fifteen” minutes, after which those in pre-K through 5th grade follow their teachers to their classrooms. Parents of pre-K through 3rd grade are asked to sign their children out from classes promptly at the end of worship; children in 4th grade and up will be dismissed to find their parents at the end of class. *Nursery care for infants—3-year-olds is available during the entire service in Building 3, Room 33.

Sunday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Small Delights

At times we imagine that delight only comes to us in big things like sunsets, or that new convertible you always wanted, or a trip to Greece! Most often delight comes in small packages like a new brand of tea, or a walk on the beach, or a precious moment with a loved one. What small delights bring pleasure to your day? What small things do you enjoy sharing with others? **Rev. Strauss** will share some of her small delights.

WildBerry Jam will sing, with **Dick Gilbert** on piano. **Justin Furnia**, piano.

First Fifteen—see above.

Sunday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

MEMORIAL DAY

Legacy Sunday

The introductory words to the offertory often are: “We drink water from wells we did not dig, we find rest under trees we did not plant, we come to houses of worship because of those who went before us.” To remember is to keep present our forebears with gratitude and reverence. On this Sunday, we honor the Legacies and memories of our UUCR family.

Special music by **Bonfire of the Mannakeys**.

Chalice Chapel—One Sunday in most months, children and youth gather in Founders Hall for worship where they will sing, share, and create together. Nursery care for infants—3-year-olds is available during the entire service in Building 3, Room 33.

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ACTION AUCTION

Join UUs at the Action auction on May 4!

by Karl Irikura



UUCR's **Action Auction Fiesta Cruise** is fun, helps you plan more fun during the upcoming year, and is the biggest fundraiser at UUCR. This year's event is inspired by warm **Italia**, the source of so much of our culture. Even if you don't want to bid, come to enjoy good Italian food, drink, live music, and great people!

The (metaphorical) cruise will be **Saturday, May 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at UUCR. It's a fun evening of silent and live bidding on special dinners, events, and services provided by congregation members, by friends, and by local businesses. It's a great way to discover and enjoy the depth and variety of talents and generosity among us! Indulge in a luxury, or launch an adventure while supporting UUCR at the same time.

Everything, including ticket sales and the catalog, is available on the Auction website at uucr.org/auction. But here's a summary:

- 5:00 Raffle ticket sales
- 5:30 Silent auction begins; **appetizers**
- 6:00 **Dinner; cash bar** (beer, wine, sangria); socializing
- 6:50 Live auction begins
- 6:40 Silent auction closes for bakery, sharing talents, restaurants, and gift cards
- 7:50 Silent auction closes for gourmet, services, entertainment
- 8:10 Silent auction closes for excursions, meals, help wanted, miscellany
- 7:45 (After live auction) Raffle winners selected; **dessert**

We can't give a sampling here without being unfair to the offerings that are not mentioned—but do you like any of these things? There are nearly 200 items in the full catalog!

- ◆ Meals light, heavy, fancy, hearty, elegant, casual, rustic, comforting, too exotic to pronounce...
- ◆ Tasting wine, beer, teas, caipirinhas
- ◆ Vacations as close as DC or Rehoboth and as far as Myrtle Beach or Ireland (!)
- ◆ Pies, cookies, and other baked delicacies
- ◆ Lessons on languages, music, pottery, jewelry-making, painting, yoga
- ◆ Consulting and coaching: spiritual, self-defense, investing, fitness, home remodeling
- ◆ Outdoor events cultural, rugged, in-between; on land and on water
- ◆ Cool stuff like handmade jewelry and crafts, gift cards, a 12-string guitar
- ◆ Musical events, game nights, adult parties, family parties, kids' parties
- ◆ Services such as gardening, car detailing, general handyman
- ◆ Entertainment: music public and private, games, murder mystery, ping-pong tournament, drama

Please buy your tickets in advance to make it easier to provide the right amount of food and drink. But you can buy last-minute tickets at the door, too!

If you have questions, email auctionleads@uucr.org.

SHARING THE MINISTRY

DeLynneations

by Rev. Lynn Strauss

Reverend Strauss & UCCR—A Shared Ministry: August 2005—June 2019

“In Gratitude”

Flowing from the center, I reach for the divine.
Returning to the center, I touch the sacred whole.

In beauty, and in love I walk, with wisdom by my side.
Through valleys and through shadows I walk, with faith my constant guide.
Through years both past and future I walk, longing to be whole,
With children and with elders I walk, grieving as I go.

Flowing from the center, I reach for the divine.
Returning to the center, I touch the sacred whole.

Creation abounds within me.
A sacred trust I hold—
to reveal the hidden mystery, expectations strong and bold.
I drink the healing wine.
I dance the widening heart.
In gratitude continue; in humility a new start.



Lynn

Dear Ones,

I offer deep gratitude for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards and notes. As I traveled to Wisconsin to participate in the Memorial Service for my mother, I carried you in my heart and was strengthened. It is a reminder of how much it means to us all to be held in Beloved Community; how much it means to be part of a religious home. This I learned from my mother.

*Blessings,
Lynn*

Dance Party to Celebrate Rev. Lynn

All-ages Fun!

Saturday, May 18—7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- ◇ *Video Booth to record messages for Rev. Lynn!*
 - ◇ *Family-friendly fun (no alcohol)*
 - ◇ *Refreshments!*
 - ◇ *DJ AND Live Music!*



SHARING THE MINISTRY

Help! Thanks! Wow!

by Sarah Jebian, Director of Music

Author Anne Lamott says there are three essential prayers: Help! Thanks! Wow! Our worship theme for the month of May is Delight and I feel called to offer all three prayers to you (in a slightly different order).

First - THANKS! To everyone who helped make our annual music program fundraiser a success, I offer a sincere thank you. The cast of Broadway Bingo gave a fantastic performance. Everyone worked so hard to bring their polished music to life and it showed. The concert was at times intimate, casual, showstopping, humorous, personal, professional and always FUN! Thanks also to everyone who donated a bingo prize or a delicious dessert or beverage. Special thanks goes out to our Music & Arts Council Chairperson Bronson Hoover who helped in a variety of ways including the Broadway Bingo logo design, volunteer recruitment, bartending, and more.

Second - WOW! Through your generous donations (including both tickets sales and cash donations) we were able to raise \$1505.16 to help us sustain the work of our music program throughout the coming church year. I have some delightful things in store, including opportunities for learning (singing workshops, art classes, drum circles, and more); several events that you won't want to miss; and, of course, fantastic music at our Sunday worship services. If you're interested in getting involved in our music and arts program, please [contact me](#)!

And last, but not least - HELP! Rev. Lynn said it takes a village to create Sunday worship. She's correct. It also takes a village to produce all the special music and arts events. As I look to programming for the coming year, I hope you will consider becoming a supporter of the music and arts events at UUCR, not only through your financial contributions and attendance at these events but also through your time. We are always looking for people to help with advertising, box office support, hospitality, and other small tasks. If you're interested in becoming a Music & Arts volunteer, please contact **Bronson Hoover**.

As my first year as UUCR's Director of Music comes to a close, I am absolutely filled to the brim with delight at everything we accomplished together. I am the luckiest woman to be able to serve such a gifted, wonderful community. I hope you're planning to attend the music service on June 2 (redubbed "The JOY Service" this year) to celebrate the fabulous musicians of UUCR!

In harmony,
Sarah



SHARING THE MINISTRY

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SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN JUNE 2: ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.

June Theme: PRIDE

Sunday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.

THE JOY SERVICE

Go Find Your Greatness

Don't miss The Joy Service, presented by the musicians and singers of UUCR! You are invited to wear bright colors, silly hats, ball gowns, your pajamas, or whatever makes you smile when you look in the mirror. Rev. Strauss will speak of the pride we share in our Beloved Community. As she leaves UUCR, she will encourage the congregation to continue finding your greatness! We'll also celebrate our youth and all the joy that they bring to our congregation as we mark the milestones of graduation from Middle School and High School with a Bridging Ceremony. Prepare to laugh, be silly, and experience worship in a whole new way. Led by **Sarah Jebian, Director of Music**, with homily by **Rev. Strauss**.

All UUCR music groups will be represented!

Multigenerational Service—See above.

Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. through 11:30 a.m.

FLOWER COMMUNION

Offering Blessings: Reverend Strauss' Farewell

A special service to celebrate Lynn's ministry. Special music; gifts shared; Rev. Strauss will preach a homily and offer hands-on blessings. Bring a flower, for this is also Flower Communion Sunday!

Come early for 10:00 a.m. (and somewhat longer than usual) service, with reception following!

Multigenerational Service—See above.

Thinking of You

compiled by Judy Eisenhauer on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team

Victoria Williamson is currently at the Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital (on the Shady Grove campus) recovering and rehabilitating from major surgery. She is working very hard on her rehabilitation program and hopes to go home next week. But that is only the next step in what will be a long recovery. Please send cards to her home.



Dave and Diane Marks are mourning the death of Dave's mother, **Beverly Ann Risley Marks** of Bowie, Maryland, on April 5, 2019. Beverly had a remarkable life despite the early death of her father, placement in a children's home, and permanent paralysis from an auto accident when she was 29. She is survived by her husband Maury, sons David and Jeffrey, and other loving relatives. A memorial service was held on April 28 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis where she was a longtime member.

Please contact **Judy Eisenhauer** with any joys, concerns, or accomplishments you would like to share in this column.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Sine Die Report—Legislative Summary

by Jack Taylor, Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD)

Monday, April 8 was Sine Die, the last day of the Maryland legislature session. It was a productive day, with many bills being passed and sent to the Governor, including the Clean Energy Jobs Bill and the Prescription Drug Board. Most of the bills passed with substantial margins, to override a veto. However, if the Governor vetoes bills, actions to override would have to wait until the 2020 session. The legislature will convene later in the spring to vote on a new Speaker of the House – possibly an opportunity to override any vetoes. The Social Justice Committee will convene a forum in late fall to discuss potential UULM-MD legislative priorities for the next year. For a full breakout of this year's bills, go to the UULM web-site: uulmmd.org

SB 516—Clean Energy Jobs. This would raise the amount of renewable energy the state's utilities must use – to 50 percent by 2030. *Passed.*

SB 249/HB 277—Regional Initiative to Limit or Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Transportation Sector - Authorization (Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019). *Passed.*

HB 399/SB 311—End-of-Life Option. *Failed by tie vote on Senate floor.*

HB 166/SB 280—Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage (Fight for Fifteen). *Passed after overriding Governor Hogan's veto.*

SJ2/HJ 9—Freedom of the Press Day designating June 28 as Freedom of the Press Day in Maryland to memorialize the lives lost on June 28, 2018, at the Capital Gazette offices. *Passed.*

SB 622—Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention – Crime Firearms – Study. The state would conduct a study on how firearms were used in Maryland, and where weapons were procured. *Passed.*

SB 346—Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Sell, Rent, Transfer or Loan. Closed loophole of using loan of weapon to get around formal transfer. *Passed.*

HB 814/SB 802—Maryland Health Insurance Option (Protect Maryland Health Care Act of 2019). The bill replaces the expiring federal individual mandate, but instead of forcing the uninsured to pay a penalty, that fee can be used as a down payment for health insurance. This proposal enrolls the uninsured into health insurance coverage whenever possible. *Passed.*

HB 768—Health - Prescription Drug Affordability Board. Senate restricted oversight to drugs paid for by Maryland State and local entities. Near-term focus studying drug costs for the entire community. *Passed.*

SB 537/HB 262—Higher Education – Tuition Rates – Exemptions [Dream Act improvement]. *Passed.*

HB 214/SB 144—Victims and Witnesses - U Nonimmigrant Status - Certification of Victim Helpfulness. Protects foreign nationals who are witnesses and victims of crimes. Allows certification to Homeland Security for two-year visa. *Passed.*

HB 1001/SB 774—Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Reporting by Correctional Units and Requirements Relating to Minors. *Passed.*

SB 809—Correctional Facilities - Restrictive Housing - Pregnant Inmates. *Passed.*

STALLED: SB 621/HB 294—Correctional Services – Diminution Credits – Education. *Passed Senate but failed, no action in committee.*

STALLED: HB 1002—Restrictive Housing - Direct Release. *Passed House but failed to get final vote in Senate.*

STALLED: HB 1029—Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Limitations (Restrictive Housing Reform Act of 2019). *Failed (no action in JUD committee).*

FAITH FORMATION

Reflections...

by Carla Miller, Director of Religious Education

The Delight of Intergenerational Community—or, Why the Easter Egg Hunt is for *Everyone*

On a beautiful spring day, children run through the grass seeking colorful eggs hidden by our middle and high school youth. Adults delight in the children's joy and in one another's companionship as they sip their coffee and chat. Everyone laughs when a group of adults - including Rev. Lynn! - spontaneously participate in the Egg and Spoon race. But wait? Who is missing from this picture? Most of our older generation and young adults without children did not realize that they were also invited and encouraged to participate in this Middle Hour event. This lovely event had not been held during Middle Hour before, so was only a children's activity. Now we can all gather in the sunshine to celebrate the springtime! The Middle Hour presents this congregation with an exciting opportunity to connect across the assumed division of age groups to become a truly multigenerational community.

In our DC-suburban culture, families schlep kids to children's activities while the 55+ folks gather for their own fun. These age-appropriate spaces and experiences are needed by all for our learning, growth, and for building friendships. Yet here at UUCR, we also have the unique potential to connect as an intergenerational community as well! Church is one of the few places this is available to us anymore. We come to church not only as a collection of individuals, but as families, and form a "family of families." By that I mean families of all kinds - families of 1 and 2 equally as much as families of 4 or more, forming a larger connected and nurturing network of relationship. Here, we can collectively delight in the growth of our children, connect our youth with wise and kind elders, and provide those who are currently working and/or parenting a little respite amidst the stresses of life. Our very presence together transforms our own life experience amidst this larger, unnaturally age-segregated culture in which we live.

Middle Hour offers us an especially rich time in which to engage across age groups. This can happen informally, over coffee hour. Even deeper connections are formed when we offer interactive events that engage our children, youth, younger families, and elders alike.

The Family Faith Formation Team's vision includes more time for intergenerational activities and bonding within this congregation. In addition to our seasonal celebrations (Getting Ready for the Holidays, the Halloween party, and the Egg Hunt) we'd love to work together with other committees and individuals to build offerings like:

- multigenerational learning programs (Space Day)
- just for fun activities (the popular improv sessions of last year) and
- social action engagements (the Carbon Footprint Game) that connect us across age groups.



These are examples of what is already happening. It's not that there aren't groups already thinking in this direction. There is simply more we can do when we share this vision of connecting across our divisions so that everyone knows to show up for the annual Easter Egg hunt and socialize.

Does it seem hard to picture, to plan for, and to actualize this vision of programs that serve children, youth, and adults? I will be more than happy to work with you to shape engaging, interactive experiences in which we will reach across the boundaries of age separation. This is one of my great joys as a DRE. With the Family Faith Formation Team and all of you engaged, we will strengthen our ties in this loving, inclusive community that feels like a family of families, of all kinds, ages, and sizes - including each family of one - because here we need not be alone.

CONGREGATION WORKS

From the Board

by Colleen Dolak, Board President



There's a Chinese proverb that says, "Enjoy yourself. It's later than you think." Working in academia, every April my thoughts turn to reflecting back on the year that's past. Commencement takes place in May, and with the rush of activities in preparation, I often fight to find the time to pause and reflect. What's worked well for me, my team, my family, and my community? I urge all of you to take a few moments, some deep breaths, and reflect.

Part of saying goodbye well this year is taking some time to express gratitude for the ministry. I hope each of you takes a few moments or hours to consider the impact that the last fourteen years at UUCR have had on your life. As a community, we must celebrate what was accomplished together, and wish each other well on what is to come. I hope you join me on May 18 to dance the night away in celebration of Lynn.

The next day—**Sunday, May 19**—we'll hold the **Annual Congregational Meeting**. We do need a quorum of 10% of our congregation either in attendance or by proxy to elect the new members of the Board and the Nominating Committee. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck and 6:00 p.m. for the meeting. A letter with more information will be mailed to members in a few days.

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One super easy way is to roll over the required minimum distribution from your IRA to UUCR. I use this, and it's super easy. You have to be at least 70-1/2 years old, but who's counting?!

Finally, you can specify that real estate, investments, art, etc., be given to UUCR. They will be liquidated and the proceeds added to our Endowment Fund.

The UUA maintains some web sites of information at <http://plannedgiving.uua.org/endowed-gifts>. As always, please consult professionals when you make your plans.

Any gift or bequest above a set minimum will confer membership in the Legacy Society, and you'll receive a tasteful chalice pin as a token of our appreciation. Gifts and bequests of any amount are gratefully received. If you have already put UUCR in your estate plans, please let us know.

I'll have some printouts from the UUA web site at a table in Fellowship Hall the Sundays before and after Legacy Sunday (May 19 and June 2) as well as on **Legacy Sunday (May 26)**. Please stop by!



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As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

In addition to these Seven Principles drawn from the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), we as a congregation have also elected to affirm and promote a proposed Eighth Principle:

- Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

Our Mission and Vision

The mission and vision of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville is to
Practice Courageous Love.

Our Values

Lifelong Spiritual Discovery ~ Beloved Community ~ A Just World