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Sunday Worship Services

June 3—10:30 AM

Under the Sea—Crystal Mann,

Crystal Mann is a graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and has a master's degree in Theological Studies. During seminary she was an organizer at The Sanctuaries, DC, a community for the arts, spirituality, and social justice.

June 10—10:30 AM

Flower Communion—Rev. Evan Keely & Director of
Religious Education Catherine Boyle

This powerful ritual is, among other things, an opportunity to reflect upon the life and martyrdom of its creator, the Rev. Dr. Norbert Fabián Čapek. Join us for this multigenerational celebration of our global Unitarian heritage.

June 17—10:30 AM

This House—Rev. Evan Keely

As we celebrate the congregation's newest members, we reflect together on the blessings and commitments on belonging to this community of faith.

June 24—10:30 AM

I Do Not Regret This Journey—Rev. Evan Keely

This is Rev. Evan Keely's last Sunday as Interim Minister of UUCSS, a time to say goodbye but also to say hello to the future.

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Nursery Care and Religious Education for children through grade 12 are offered during the worship service.
ASL interpreting is provided during the service. There will be one service at 10:30 a.m.
Coffee hour will take place after the service.

Message From Rev. Evan Keely, Interim Minister

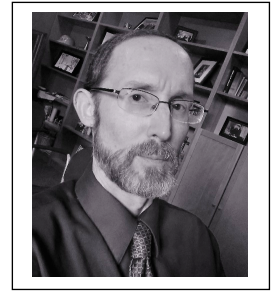
These are some observations and recommendations I make having served this church for a year as its interim minister.

CURRENT PRACTICES

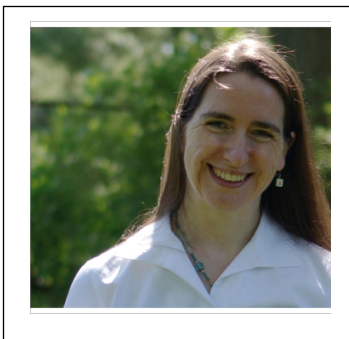
1. *I think this congregation will benefit from continuing to explore different ways of worshipping together.* We've had a rich year of exploration, not only in going from two services to one, but in reflecting together on what worship means.
2. *I think this congregation will benefit from continuing to explore its covenant—not the words of a covenant (though such statements can sometimes be helpful), but the living of a covenant relationship of mutual obligation.* Do the actual words of the member-to-member covenant get invoked? If not, perhaps it's time to invoke them, or to craft new words, or to think of what—other than a verbal statement—can help create and sustain the kinds of relationships we are called to have with one another.
3. *I think this congregation will benefit from continuing its efforts to address issues of oppression and reaffirming its commitments to diversity and inclusion.* The Racial Justice Task Force and the Deaf Access Ministry are two examples of good work that will continue.
4. *I think this congregation will benefit from continuing to focus on organizational, maturational and incarnational growth more than on numerical growth.* How can the church grow in organizational strength? in clarity of purpose? in commitment to living this faith in the world?

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

1. *I think this congregation would benefit from embracing with enthusiasm the learning opportunity provided by having two different interim ministers during 2 years of intentional ministerial transition.* Following the longest settled ministry in UUCSS's history, it will be a beneficial opportunity for this church to have two different interim ministers during the 2 years.
2. *I think this congregation would benefit from the professionalization of at least some of the administrative tasks that are currently the purview of volunteers (albeit very capable ones).* A thoughtful reexamination of how the church is staffed should continue.
3. *I think this congregation would benefit from ceasing and/or desisting from asking questions such as "What do we want in a minister" or "What do we like?" and instead focusing on questions such as "To what are we, as a people of faith, called?" and "What will we, as a community of faith, bring to our relationship with our next minister?"* No church exists to make its people happy or to cater to anyone's personal needs. Churches exist to fulfill a religious mission, a transcendent purpose that is grounded in a faith tradition. "What are we called to be and to do?" is really the only question that matters.



Introducing Rev. Lyn Cox, 2018–2019 Interim Minister



Rev. Lyn Cox arrives on August 1 to be our 2018–2019 Interim Minister. She is completing an interim ministry with the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Rev. Lyn was born in Washington, D.C., and earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland at College Park. She has master's degrees from Starr King School for the Ministry and Loyola University Maryland. Rev. Lyn is an Accredited Interim Minister (AIM).

Rev. Lyn's sermons range in length and theme, and reach across the spectrum of the six Sources of Unitarian Universalism. She employs humor, story, science, and congregational participation to deliver messages of hope and transformation. As an Interim Minister, she focuses on equipping and empowering members to fulfill the mission of the congregation, and on reflecting with congregational leaders about

how the institution can be more effective at fulfilling that mission. For instance, she uses what she learned in her M.S. in Pastoral Counseling program as she trains lay ministers and other volunteers to strengthen the caring community.

Rev. Lyn's ministry experience spans congregations of every size, counseling and pastoral care in specialized settings, and 2 years on the full-time staff of the Joseph Priestley District. She continues to serve on the Adjunct Staff for the Central East Region, offering occasional consultations and training workshops in lay pastoral care, conflict transformation, and stewardship. She lives in Baltimore with her two partners, two children, and two cats. For more information about Rev. Lyn, members and friends are welcome to visit her search website: <http://www.revlyncox.com/>.

Message From John Henderson, Board President

As I enter the last month of my term as President of the Board of Trustees, I have been thinking a lot about what we have done together during the last 15 months, and what that says about what lies ahead for us. One of the biggest things I feel as I think back over things is a tremendous sense of gratitude. The people of this community stepped up in so many ways. People said “yes” to taking on the hard work of making the church run. By serving on the Board, planning our worship, teaching our children, tending to our property, or performing beautiful music, just to name a few things. We have comforted each other and lifted each other’s spirits. We have celebrated and mourned together. To me, working through the issues of this year has reminded me that the people of this church are the church.

And we are strong and resilient! It has been a difficult couple of years for this church. And there are challenges that lie ahead of us. But really, I think that is ever the case. We are never done becoming. And there will always be issues to address and problems to solve. But I am confident that, together, we will do the work needed to continue on the path ahead. I look forward to what this community will accomplish next!

Incoming Board President

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce that **Tamara Bowman** has agreed to serve as President of the Board of Trustees for the 2018–2019 church year! Tamara was selected by a unanimous vote of the Board. She brings a wealth of experience, both on the Board and in other positions, including serving on the Board as the Vice President for Finance from 2010 to 2013, acting as the Board liaison to the Operations Council during the current church year, and as an RE teacher when her daughters were in elementary school.

Tamara will be the first Board president to serve under the new method approved by the congregation at our April 15 meeting. Under the revised procedures, the President is selected by the Board from among the continuing Board members and serves for a 1-year term.

Message from Catherine Boyle, Director of Religious Education

UU History Sites To See This Summer

Summertime provides more opportunities than just going to the lake or the pool. This summer, check out local UU history hotspots to explore and strengthen your and your family’s spiritual journey.

Universalist National Memorial Church



1810 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Visit the mother church of UUCSS in the heart of the city. This liberal Christian church is gothic in style with upright pews. This is the church that planted UUCSS more than 50 years ago. Sunday services are at 11 a.m.

Frances Ellen Watkins Harper House

1006 Bainbridge Street
Philadelphia, PA

If you find yourself in Philly this summer, take time to learn about the storied and remarkable life of abolitionist and suffragette Frances Ellen Watkins Harper. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, to free parents on September 27, 1825, Frances Ellen



Watkins was raised by her aunt and uncle, well-known abolitionist William Watkins. She was educated at the Academy for Negro Youth and worked in a Quaker household,



where she was encouraged to read and write literary works. Her poetry appeared in newspapers, including Frederick Douglass’ paper. In 1870, she moved to Philadelphia with her daughter Mary and joined the First Unitarian Church. She focused her post-war work on women’s suffrage, collaborating with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Unlike Anthony and Stanton, she supported the 14th and 15th Amendments, which guaranteed the right to vote to black men, both freed and former slave.

Clara Barton Missing Soldier Museum



437 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004
If you want to stay closer to home, this museum offers insight into the life and mind of Clara Barton, Universalist, founder of the American Red Cross and heroic nurse of Civil War soldiers. Barton nursed soldiers in 14 battles, taking care of the wounded on both sides because of her Universalist values as child: “I have no enemies.”

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PASSIONATE ABOUT WORLD RELIGIONS?

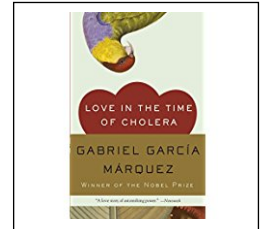
RE needs teachers for teachers for 2018–2019! The fall curriculum focuses on learning about the diverse strands of faith that make up the tapestry of religion on our planet. We are looking for teachers for K–8, K–1 OWL, 7–8th OWL, Coming of Age, and YRUU. Please see the RE Board in the Sanctuary to sign up or email **Catherine** at dre@UUCSS.org.

WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE CHURCH?

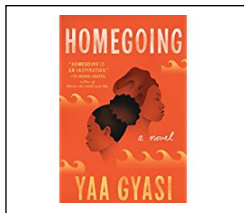
Sunday Support teams are looking for a few more folks to help with various tasks. Individuals are part of a team comprising about eight people, and each of our five teams handles a myriad of tasks relating to supporting the Sunday morning service. It is a limited but very fun way to give back to the church. For more juicy details, please feel free to contact **Deb Weiner** at sundaysupport@uucss.org.

MEN'S BOOK READING GROUP

We are reading *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. The next meeting will be at 7:00 on Sunday, June 3, at the home of Bob McGaughy, 44 Springvale Lane, Silver Spring. If you are interested in joining the group, contact **Richard Lorr** (rlorr4@gmail.com), get the book, and come to the next meeting. Hope to see you there!



WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



Women's Book Group meets on the fourth Monday of each month. We are an informal group that has been meeting since 2000, and we are open to interested readers; there is no long-term obligation. Please contact dweiner04@gmail.com for additional details. At our next meeting on June 25, we will discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

ANNOUNCING THE JUNE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: MICHAEL LEBLANC

UPDATES AND REPORTS

FINANCE MATTERS

Lisa Schumaker, Board Vice President (VP) for Finance, is in her third year on the Board. Here are Lisa's responses to questions from the *Unitarian* editors about managing Church finances overall and details of pledging.

What are the safeguards in place for the church's finances?

There are three church members plus an outside bookkeeper who are responsible for maintaining the church's finances. **Teresa Meeks** is the collector and determines where incoming funds should be accounted. **Olivia Pickett** is the permanent church treasurer who oversees outgoing monies and with Teresa informs the bookkeeper who does the accounting weekly for the church. As the VP for Finance, I worked to bring in the new bookkeeper in April 2017 and set up monthly reporting for the Operations and Programs Councils, along with financial reports for the Board. We also began tracking pledges and pledge payments using the church database for the first time this year. All financial records reside at the Church, and the financial software is on the church server.

Does the church have an endowment and, if so, how much is it? There is an endowment of \$59,611 as of April 30, 2018. We use Domini Social Investing for funds given to the Church that are not designated for a particular purpose. The Domini Social Investing Firm brings expertise in working with church endowments. There are also Memorial Funds, which are funds designated for particular purposes. Past examples included the David Stevenson fund, which supported the music program, and the Charlie Schnetzler building fund, which supported property improvements.

What is the total of the Capital Campaign funds?

Some adjustments to Capital Campaign pledging occurred in the last 2 years. Pledge tracking in the new system has been set up to reflect the current commitments. There are now 152 pledge units whose Capital Campaign pledges total 1.636 million dollars. As of early May, \$968,642 has been collected.

What percentage of the church's budget comes from member pledges?

For the upcoming budget year, we project that 74 percent of our revenue will be from members' pledges; the remainder is projected to be from rental income (18–19 percent), the church auction (6 percent), and the Sunday collection plate (2 percent). The final result of the 2018–2019 pledge drive will be included in the Annual Report at the June 10 church meeting.

How many members and friends of our church pledged?

For the 2017–2018 pledge period, there were 167 pledge units representing 251 church members. (A pledge unit can be a two-member household with one pledge, a two-member household with two pledges, and of course a one-member household with one pledge.) The collection rate of members pledged is 97 percent. We did not have any pledges from Friends in 2017–2018. Friends can have their family members participate in the Church's religious education program.

In the 2017–2018 church year, what was the median pledge and percentages of pledges above the median?

The overall median pledge was \$1,320. Thirty-nine percent of our pledge units gave more than \$2,000, and 20 percent of those units gave more than \$4,000.

What do you see as the most challenging aspect of managing and leading our church's finances?

The challenge overall is having the resources to do the things we want to do as a church. A pressing challenge is having the funds to start new programming. Our church, for instance, would benefit from programming for adults led by a staff member. Almost all of our budget has to go to present staff, and we don't spend much on programming or program initiatives. Over the last 2 years, we have lost 25 percent of our pledge base, and in this year's pledge drive we had to overcome this challenge.

At least as pressing is our need to professionalize administrative functions, so that the finance team is providing oversight instead of performing all tasks—paying every bill and depositing every check. Some of the church's best "doers" find they have no remaining time or energy to contribute to other projects and passions related to UUCSS.

What do you like about being the VP of Finance?

My goal is to be as dispensable as possible. That's why it's important to have systems in place. We've been able, without too much pain, to get the ABD leaders accurate pledge tracking information on a day's notice. The church's database, which uses a system designed for Church information management, is used routinely by our Church Administrator and Collector. Membership information, which is used to create the directory, among other functions, and pledge tracking are now all in one place. Apart from the ABD chairs, only the Collector and the VP of Finance have authorization within the system to access members' pledges and pledge payments. Also, I was pleased to improve our staff payroll system by using a new church payroll-focused provider—this is important, especially regarding unique tax aspects of ministers' compensation.

What is other information to share with church members?

I'd like to see if I could work with one or two church members who are knowledgeable about estate planning and tax-related issues on giving to the church. There could be material prepared for membership or one or two classes offered about estate planning and contributing to the church. Please see or email me (finance@uucss.org) if you have experience with financial planning and would like to share your knowledge with church members.

HISTORY'S LESSONS—A REFLECTION BY JO PAOLETTI

I have spent the last few months exploring the history of our congregation and sharing a few stories with you through *Uniter* articles. The response has been gratifying; many people have communicated their enjoyment. But I don't do history for fun. History for me offers insights and lessons that just focusing on the present or dreaming about the future can never match. What have I learned about the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring?

I have learned that even though the names and faces have changed, we are in many ways the same congregation. Welcoming, engaged in social justice, striving to build beloved community but with an unfortunate tendency to place either too much or too little trust in our leaders. When we expect too much from our professional staff or our volunteer leaders, we are disappointed and even angry. Too little trust in our volunteer leaders has resulted in second-guessing and micromanaging their work or, even worse, conspiracy theories about power hungry "cabals." Year in and year out, the cast of characters has changed, but our congregational personality has been surprisingly constant.

These musings take place in the context of Rev. Keely's report and the sermon given by UUA president **Susan Frederick-Gray** at **Carol Cissel's** installation as the minister of the UU Fellowship of Center County, Pennsylvania. Frederick-Gray posed the question "who owns the church?," and argued that it was not the members, but the mission, which transcended the present. The member ownership model, she reasoned, results in an almost consumerist approach to ministry, catering to the current membership, and too often just the loudest or most insistent voices. This echoed messages we have heard from Rev. Keely as well. How do we understand our own legacy—and the mission it has incarnated—and let it own our community?

Is it possible for a church "personality" to exhibit what Rev. Keely recently called maturational growth? I am not sure. Maybe maturation mainly occurs on an individual level within each member, especially those new to church communities in general or UU churches in general. We have always had internal conflicts, some of which have shaken the community deeply. While we have responded to those conflicts with institutional solutions — policies, task forces, a formal covenant, relations committees—we do not yet have a culture that anticipates these conflicts as a manifestation of personal growth and provides support and guidance to individuals experiencing stress or conflict.

As I continue to explore our history, this will be my guiding question: what is the relationship between growth on the congregational level and growth on a personal level? I want to understand how individual learning translates into collective transformation. Watch this space.

FOLLOW-UP FROM ONE OF THE MANY Q&A SESSIONS HELD AFTER CHURCH SERVICE

The letter below is pretty much self-explanatory, except that we're putting it out now, a whole year later, for the whole UUCSS community. This is because of a brief discussion concerning re-establishing a Right Relations Committee that occurred at a recent Q&A session after church, when the participants urged that we do so.

Email sent to Rev. Liz and the Board of Trustees, May 8, 2017, from the daytime Inreach Group Subject: Current Church Status.

Dear Rev. Liz and Board of Trustees,

The Daytime Inreach group has spent several sessions discussing the church's disruptions during the current year. After considerable thought, and as a result of our cumulative years of experience here (303 years, to be exact!), we have come up with four concrete suggestions for going forward.

- 1) Re-establish a Ministerial Relations committee;
- 2) Re-establish a Right Relations committee.*

*NOTE: The general purpose of our Right Relations Committee was for individuals to have a venue for resolving matters regarding interpersonal disputes or violations of Board or church policy when unable to deal with the matter directly.

Both of these committees should have very clearly defined responsibilities. They wouldn't have to meet regularly, but could do so on an "as needed" basis.

- 3) Consider urging the Adult Education Committee to sponsor another series of classes on the Enneagram to further self-understanding. These were taught in the past by Rob Dahlstrom.

4) Consider recruiting a Social Action Coordinator as the "go to" person for new members who are interested in social action activities but don't know where to start.

We very much appreciate the time and work all of you are putting into leading our community through this difficult time. Thank you very much!

Sincerely, **Jeanne Bohlen, Joyce Chido, Sandy Duggins, Marie Erickson, Kathy Kirk, Jane Larrick, Kathryn Leete, Olivia Pickett, and Beverly McGaughy, Coordinator**

KANSAS CITY, HERE WE COME!

The Unitarian Universalist Association is convening its annual General Assembly (GA) from June 20 to 24. **Jim Paoletti** and **Maggie Hayes** are UUCSS's delegates in Kansas City; **Emily Harris** and **Carey Schneider** (so far) are our offsite delegates. You too can "attend" GA as an off-site delegate, or as an observer; <http://www.uua.org/calendars/uua/general-assembly-2018>. Please contact **Gregg Harry** (gharry24@gmail.com) if you are interested.

The delegates held a meeting after the service on Sunday, May 27, to tell others about bylaw amendments, proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues (CS/AIs), and topics for "intentional conversations." We're interested in your feedback, and so will continue the discussion online during the run-up to GA. Very briefly, the proposed changes to the bylaws would add two Youth Trustees to the Board of Trustees, adopt gender-neutral pronouns throughout, change the terms of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, and adjust the timeline for the Social Witness process. Another amendment would allow more than one person to serve as Moderator, a critical role in the UUA. The Assembly will choose between two proposed CS/AIs: "Undoing Intersectional White Supremacy" and "Dismantling Intersectional Oppression." You can find the detailed agenda at <https://www.uua.org/sites/livenew.uua.org/files/finalagenda18.pdf>.

Jazz@UUCSS

presents **Celebrating Lee Morgan & June Birthdays**

Saturday, June 2 * 4 to 5:30 p.m. * Suggested donation \$10; \$5 students/seniors; children 12 and under free. Register at <https://uucss.givezooks.com/events/jazz-uucss-celebrating-lee-morgan>.

Join us in the UUCSS Sanctuary on Saturday, June 2, for the summer edition of **jazz@uucss**. The program will feature **Alisha Coleman** on sax, **Donvonte McCoy** on trumpet, **Cyndy Elliott** on bass, **Ele Rubenstein** on drums, and **Lianna Gekker** at the piano in a tribute to trumpeter **Lee Morgan**, who would have turned 80 on July 10. We'll also celebrate the joint birthday (June 9) of Alisha, Donvonte, and our collaborative partner, **Bertrand Uberall**.

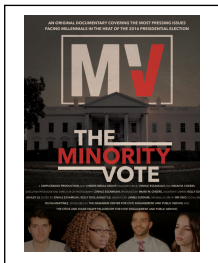


A Philadelphia native, Lee Morgan was leading a group by the time he was 15. He joined the Dizzy Gillespie Orchestra at the age of 18. He also began to record as a leader for Blue Note and had many dates as a sideman. Morgan joined the Jazz Messengers in 1958 and remained with them until 1961, sharing the bandstand with Benny Golson, then Hank Mobley, and finally Wayne Shorter. His late 1963 recording, *The Sidewinder*, became his greatest commercial success and one of Blue Note's biggest hits. Morgan rejoined Art

Blakey in 1963; two years later he left to lead his own bands. Lee Morgan was a leader of the Jazz and People's Movement in 1970 and 1971, which protested the poor representation of jazz on talk shows.

jazz@uucss is a collaboration between the UUCSS Music Committee and jazz scholar Bertrand Uberall. Our vision is to create an affordable, listener-friendly performance venue for jazz in the DC area, create new audiences for outstanding young jazz musicians, and foster connections between UUCSS and the local jazz community.

SAVE THE DATE for *The Minority Vote* Film Screening June 23!



It's an election year, and there is a lot of motivation in communities across the nation to make sure that people exercise their right to vote.

The UUCSS Racial Justice Task Force is pleased to announce a screening in the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 23, at 7 p.m. of the new documentary *The Minority Vote*. The film follows Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American millennials as they explore the issues challenging their communities and our nation in 2016. This event is the UUCSS Program of the Month for June.

Zinhle Essamuah, Director, Curator, and Executive Producer, returns to UUCSS to discuss the film. (Her film *Hands Up!* was screened at UUCSS previously.)

More details and registration information will follow. The public is invited to attend, as well as UUCSS members/friends. A website for the film is at <http://www.theminorityvotefilm.com/>. Please contact justicetaskforce@uucss.org with any questions.

The Ordination of Alexa Fraser



Save the date! On Sunday, August 12, 2018 at 2 p.m., long-time UUCSS member **Alexa Fraser** will be ordained as a UU minister in a ceremony at the River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation (RRUUC) in Bethesda. We invite you to celebrate this joyous occasion in a service sponsored by RRUUC and UUCSS. The sermon will be given by the **Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay**. (Everyone is welcome to speak with Rev. Liz at the reception afterwards.)

Alexa Fraser has been serving as an intern minister at the River Road UU Congregation, and graduated in May from the Starr King School for the Ministry. For any questions about the ordination or to volunteer to help, please contact **Maggie Hayes, Alison Leaver, or Carl Miller**.

EVENTS IN BRIEF

JUNE 2 Summer edition of jazz@uucss, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the UUCSS Sanctuary. The program is a tribute to trumpeter **Lee Morgan**.

JUNE 10 Annual Church Meeting in UUCSS Sanctuary, 12 noon.

JUNE 13 Webinar orientation for onsite delegates to UUA General Assembly at 8:00 p.m. at <https://www.uua.org/central-east/events/webinars/webinar-general-assembly-orientation>. Please register; you may do so up to 7:00 p.m.

JUNE 20–24 UUA General Assembly, Kansas City, Missouri
Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals. Housing reservations are at <https://www.uua.org/ga/travel>; registration is at <https://www.uua.org/ga/registration>; and general information can be found at <https://www.uua.org>.

JUNE 23 *The Minority Vote* film screening at 7:00 p.m. in UUCSS Sanctuary

JULY 8–14 UUMAC Summer Institute

Come to the UU Mid-Atlantic Community to recharge and relax with UUs from New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and beyond. You'll spend a week on a beautiful university campus in southeast Pennsylvania. To learn more about our small-scale community and get a newcomer discount, register at uumac.org or call **Doug Belling** for details at 202-420-1969.

AUGUST 12 Save the date for the ordination of **Alexa Fraser** at 2:00 p.m. at the River Road UU Church in Bethesda.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

It will be another busy summer, including getting ready for our new interim minister! I'm expecting work on HVAC systems in the Sanctuary, electrical work in the Fellowship House, painting in the Sanctuary Building classrooms, tile repair, and floor cleaning. But Sunday worship services will continue throughout the summer, as usual, at 10:30 a.m.
Happy Summer, Everyone! **Melinda Yalom**

NOTE FROM THE *UNITER* EDITORS:

We hope you have enjoyed reading the *Uniter* this church year. We have enjoyed serving as editors and receiving outstanding contributions for the newsletter. After a brief hiatus in July and August, look for the *Uniter* to resume in September.
Jane Larrick & Stephanie McConachie



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