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Sunday Worship Services—10:30 AM

Nursery care and religious education for children through grade 12 are offered during the worship service. ASL interpreting is provided during the service.

There is one service at 10:30 a.m. followed by Coffee Hour.

May 5: Earth My Body Rev. Lyn Cox

Around the Pagan holiday of Beltane is a good time to reflect on the goodness of embodiment and the physical world. Being at one with the world of earth and bone and stone, we can practice being at peace with what is, in the here and now, linked with beings who are both like us and not like us.

May 12: The Wonder of Creation Rev. Lyn Cox & DRE Catherine Boyle

In this multigenerational service, we give thanks for the capacity to create, for the people who create and build families in all kinds of ways, and for the volunteers who create our Religious Education program. Bring your imagination for a shared celebration of the possibilities we can bring into the world together.

May 19: Beyond the Binary Rev. Lyn Cox with the Rainbow Alliance

This congregation includes people who are cisgender, transgender, nonbinary, agender, and gender non-conforming, among many other identities. We approach the blessings and challenges of building community, having been trained with different models of human possibility, and with different assumptions about what it means to be welcoming. We gather to affirm, to celebrate, to learn, and to grow in the realm of gender diversity. As we honor the many ways of experiencing gender, we are better able to practice hospitality and to move toward liberation together.

May 26: Honoring Self, Others, and Faith Charles Alexander

Practicing respect for our planet and for the living beings we share our world with is part of our UU faith. We'll celebrate the wonder of the good, green earth and dedicate ourselves to stewardship of our natural resources.

Church Parking on Sundays!

We have a problem! A good problem: not enough parking. What can be done about it? For those who are not too young or too old to walk the New Hampshire Avenue sidewalk, it is two-tenths of a mile from the CHI Center parking lot to UUCSS—just one block north of the Church on the same side of the street. A wide entrance on New Hampshire allows for easy access to the parking lot.

If the weather is nice, the walk will be an invigorating 3 minutes for those who want to be athletic about it, or a relaxed 5-minute stroll for those who are in a reflective mood. Please consider parking and walking from the CHI Center so that others who need to park behind UUCSS can find sufficient space in the church lot.

For the Worship Committee,
Preston Mears

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Interim Minister's Column by Rev. Lyn Cox

Honoring



In our Unitarian Universalist liturgical year, late spring is bursting with activity, reflection, gratitude, and transitions. It's not exactly the end of the liturgical year; the summer months are still to come, a season of seeds and planning and empowering lay leadership. Nevertheless, with all the comings and goings of May and June, the graduations and weddings and household moves, this time of year can feel hectic and time-pressured. It is valuable to stop, breathe, and give thanks. Let this be a month of honoring.

We honor the volunteers and leaders who make our shared ministries possible. We honor Religious Education teachers and committee members. We honor Sunday support teams and worship associates. We honor Board and Program Council leaders, those completing terms and those nominated for service. In May, we honor people of all genders who do the work of mothering: those who nurture others, connect people, build families and networks of people, create art and music and new projects to benefit the community, and devote time and energy so that future generations will know that they were loved and supported. There are so many people to lift up in gratitude.

Peeking into the future a bit, we'll also use this month to prepare to do some more honoring. The Rainbow Alliance and I are hoping to bring new energy to LGBTQ Pride Month this year, and we're preparing for that by planning a service about gender diversity in May, and by following up in June with a guest preacher. We'll be preparing to honor Bridgers in early June; that is, those people who are transitioning from youth to young adulthood, remaining connected to Unitarian Universalism but in a new way. Another honor we're getting ready for is this congregation's honor of ordaining Ashley Burczak to the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Please plan to attend on Saturday, June 8, at 2:30 p.m., and see Tamara Bowman if you would like to help make this celebration happen.

This has been a transformative year for UUCSS. There is still plenty of work to do, plenty of unpacking the past, plenty of strategic planning to imagine together. At the same time, I hope you are able to honor the progress you have made as a congregation. There is a spirit of resilience among the members, a willingness to create a new future together. Thank you for all you have done to make repairs, to heal, to grow, to create space for the future.

Search Committee Message

As you know by now, UUCSS did not find a candidate during the first round of the search process. The Board, in consultation with the Search Committee, decided to take advantage of the short second round to continue our search for a settled minister this spring. The second-round schedule is very condensed: by the time you read this, the committee will have received the applications from ministers in search and will be conferring on whether to interview any of them and then whether to invite one of them for a pre-candidating weekend.

Each one of us on the Search Committee would like to thank those of you who have offered your kind words of encouragement and support during the past few weeks. Your confidence in us, that we are doing our utmost to find a minister who fits the church's needs and dreams, is invaluable. A special shout-out to **Patti Poss**, who delivered a delicious dinner for our committee meeting April 16. This wonderful congregation deserves an equally wonderful minister!

Yours, in search, **Alice-Ann Beachy, Carol Hamilton, Janne Harrelson, Maggie Hayes, Carl Miller, Susannah Numa, and Colin Riggs**

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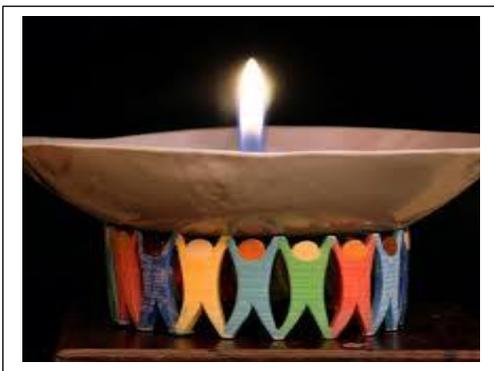
UUCSS History: Searches: Recap and Reflection by Jo Paoletti

When the church year began, my intention was to devote my history articles to past ministerial searches, as a way to provide context for our current efforts. By the *Uniter* deadline in April, I figured, we would have completed our search, and so the May article could be a reflection on searches and the search process. I was half right; the search is not complete yet, but I am still going to offer a brief reflection.

First, if you need a refresher on the details of our searches since 1952, I have compiled all seven articles and made them available online (<https://uuhistories.weebly.com/uucss-searches.html>). Here is a summary of some of the information:

Minister	Search Committee Size	Search Duration	Tenure	Comments
MacPherson	0	3 months	1952–1962	Assigned by UCA.
Cappuccino	11	7 months	1963–1967	Initial search failed; Cappuccino suggested by UUA.
Oliver		2 months	1967–1969	Oliver brought to DC by UUA for regional candidating.
Lewis	9	4 months	1969–1973	Local candidate known to UUCSS
Wesley	7	7 months	1978–1980	Only one precandidate permitted by UUA.
Johnson	7	8 months	1982–1991	
Bank	7(6)	20 months	1993–1998	Initial search failed; Bank was a local candidate identified in the second round by the same search committee minus one member who resigned.
Lerner Maclay	7	15 months	2000–2017	
Dunkley	5	6 months	2012–2016	Hired, then called in 2013.

No two searches have been alike; the processes that brought **David MacPherson**, **Fred Cappuccino**, **Howard Oliver**, and **Alice Blair Wesley** to Silver Spring were influenced or constrained by the national organizations. The rest were congregationally driven. As far as I can tell, there is no correlation between the length of the search and the eventual “success” or longevity of the ensuing ministry. Similarly, the “failure” of a search in the first round is not a predictor.



Like many of you, I am a little disappointed that the first round did not result in a “match.” But in the words of one of my favorite Hindi films, “Aur agar theek na ho to woh the end nahin hai dosto, picture abhi baaki hai.” (Roughly, “If the ending is not happy, the movie isn’t over.” — Om Shanti Om, 2007)

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Message From Tamara Bowman, Board President



April brings blooms, new growth and the welcome change of warm sunny days. UUCSS has been particularly busy with a calendar crammed with much loved events.

Earlier this month we announced that we were not able to find a match for a new settled minister. This was not the outcome we hoped for. After much thought and discussion with the Search committee, the board made the decision to take part in the second round search. The second round search has some new candidates and has much shorter timelines than the main search. Other congregations have found a good fit from a minister in the second search. We were hopeful, but for this year our search has ended, without a match. We have done our due diligence, but none of these candidates met our

requirements. We have another year to search again and grow as a congregation.

The board will be meeting with members of the search committee to discuss what was learned during the search and what our best path forward might be. The board will be sharing this information later with the congregation.

The rosy side of this news is we will have Rev Lyn continuing as Interim for another year. In the past year Rev Lyn has learned a great deal about us and has helped us continue to heal and come together as a congregation. Conversations with the search committee will inform the goals we ask Rev Lyn to work toward in the coming year. Look for additional updates during the month of May.

Coming up on Saturday, June 8th is Chaplain Ashley's ordination. The ordination committee members, Bonnie Gallion, Emily Harris and Jo Paoletti, are working to make this day a special one. While the planning and coordination are being handled by the committee, we will need additional volunteers to help out during the planning and the day of the ordination to make others welcome in our sanctuary. Please email AB_ordination@uucss.org if you are interested in lending a hand.

In this most recent board meeting we discussed the strategic plan. This is our first attempt at a rolling 3 year plan and I thank everyone who provided input and especially the strategic plan task force for gathering the data into a useful format. Look for more on the strategic plan next month. The board also approved the charter for the Committee on Shared Ministry and discussed the particulars for a conflict of interest policy. We also selected the president for the 2019-2020 church year. It is my privilege to continue as Board President for the coming year. I appreciate the faith that has been placed in me and hope to continue to serve you well.

For the May board meeting we will finalize the budget for 2019-2020, approve the strategic plan, and approve the conflict of interest policy.

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Message From Catherine Boyle, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

A Year Around the World and More



We are coming to the end of the Religious Education school year, and what a year it has been! In this article, I'll give an overview of what we have achieved and experienced in RE this past year on Sunday mornings and beyond. Over this past year, our students have explored faiths from around the world to deepen their understanding of their neighbors' faiths and Unitarian Universalism. In a world where political and social forces are increasingly insular and bigoted, having a well-versed understanding of all the religions of the world is a revolutionary act. To reach out to your neighbor in love instead of building a wall is to live our First Principle of honoring and respecting all humans in action. Some examples of our children's and youth's world religion lessons included creating and destroying a sand mandala, practicing Tai Chi, making Eid cards, watching Native American Pow Wow dances, learning about Hinduism directly (many thanks to **Karen Kali**), participating in a tea ceremony, and much more. I hope that your child learned not only about the many faiths of this world, but a little about themselves as well.

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DRE'S MESSAGE

Another milestone of the year celebrated the Coming of Age of five bright and wonderful teenagers. **Jasmine Gallion, Abigail Jorgensen, Irene Lasky, Gus Nicholson, and Rowan Dever** finished their months of deepening their understanding of Unitarian Universalism and themselves and culminated their experience by writing, designing art for, and leading their Coming of Age worship service in March.

Coming of Age was not the only youth-created and -led service this year. With heart, creativity, and talent, the Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) created and led a worship service focused on the topic of mental health. The high schoolers approached this difficult topic with care and intentionality. Another major thing that the YRUU focused on was fundraising for their Boston 2020 trip. Through the chili cookoff, Boston Tea Party, and holiday and jewelry sales, the youth have raised over \$2,000 toward their trip. Be on the lookout for more fun events for this trip in the future.

Another event from the YRUU to look out for is Bridging on June 2nd. Bridging is the celebration and sending off of our high school seniors from YRUU and into the next phase of their lives. Please join us in lauding our seniors into whatever adventure awaits them next.

Another major ministry completed this year was the Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes. Both K–1 and 7th–8th grade OWL classes were full of students learning age-appropriate and accurate information about their own bodies, puberty, sexuality, consent, and healthy relationships and boundaries.

All of these classes and programs would not be possible without the time, energy, and support of all the volunteer teachers and advisors. With all the gratitude in my heart and from our church community, thank you: **Sandra Sackett, Laurie Mears, Daniel Greenstein, Tina Terrill, Bobbie Pohl, Erica Anderson, Katie Kirk-Haag, Gulnar Nagashybayeva, Emily Harris, Patti Poss, Colin Riggs, Elise Turner, Jamie Jorgensen, Linda Barrett, Carey Schneider, Alice-Ann Beachy, Steve Webber, Megan Wysong, Jim Street, Meredith Massey, Kathryn Leete, Jen Sheppard, Laura Ellis, Scott Sleek, and Don Berkemeyer.** These wonderful folks ensure the children and youth of the church learn and grow together. Without them, I don't know where we would be. Please come join in honoring their commitment to the children and youth on May 12, when we will celebrate all our RE teachers and advisors in service.

If reading this struck your spirit as something you might like to be involved with, let me know. RE is looking for teachers and advisors next year for preschool all the way up to high school. We are also looking for dedicated OWL teachers. For more information on any of these, email me at dre@uucss.org

I look forward to seeing you at church.

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Sunday, May 19, 2019 UUCSS 101 for UUCSS Visitors

If you are a visitor who would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and UUCSS in particular or about the process for becoming a member, please join us at our monthly UUCSS 101 for an informal gathering with folks from the Membership Committee. We meet following the service in the Triangle Room, which is adjacent to the Community Hall where coffee hour is underway. Grab a cup of coffee or tea, and bring your questions. We look forward to seeing you!

JAZZ@UUCSS Presents Our Voices, Her Song



On Friday, May 10, at 8:00 p.m., explore the songs that give voice to individuals and cultures overlooked in our society today and throughout history as part of the Strathmore Bloom Program. Strathmore Artist-in-Residence Cecily Bumbray contributes her own compositions in stunning performances that bring people together to celebrate speaking out for what is right. This performance features choirs from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring, and Voix De Femmes and will be held in the UUCSS Sanctuary.

See <https://www.strathmore.org/bloom/programs/ourvoiceshersong/16605> for more information.

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Sign-up to Audition for Roles in a Staged-Reading of the Play, SWEAT

The Social Justice Players, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Program, and in coordination with the Chalice Theatre at the UU Church of Arlington (UUCA) and the UU Church of Silver Spring (UUCSS), will be presenting the Pulitzer-Prize-winning play SWEAT, by Lynn Nottage, to be directed by **Bruce McConachie**.

There will be six staged-readings of the play in the DC area in October 2019—October 12–13, 19–20, and 26–27. We are holding open auditions at both UU churches to cast the nine characters in the drama in May of this year. Here is Nottage’s brief description of each character:

EVAN, African-American male, 40s.
JASON, white American male, 21–29.
CHRIS, African-American male, 21–29
STAN, white American male of German descent, 50s
OSCAR, Colombian-American male, 22–30
TRACEY, white American female, 45–53
CYNTHIA, African-American female, 45–53
JESSIE, Italian-American, 40s
BRUCIE, African-American, 40s–mid 50s

Because the play occurs in two different time periods, 2000 and 2008, most of the actors will play characters who age 8 years over the course of the action.

Set in Reading, PA, the play follows two families, one white and the other African-American, whose mothers both work in a local factory, and whose sons (like their mothers) are close friends. When the company running the factory turns to union-busting, friendships fray, long-buried racism emerges, and the sons pick a fight with a Hispanic worker temporarily hired at the factory. Stan is badly injured in the fight, and the sons go to jail. Eight years later, both sons emerge from jail to find that one of their families has fallen apart and the other one is barely holding on. SWEAT dramatizes the personal costs of national policies in our era of union-busting and deindustrialization. We look forward to lively discussions after all performances.

Audition Times and Places:

Tuesday, May 14: 7:30–9:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 18: 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the UU Church of Arlington
Tuesday, May 21: 7:30–9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 25: 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the UU Church of Silver Spring

To sign up for an audition time, write or call Bruce McConachie, bamcco@pitt.edu, 412-519-5681.

The Program Council Column: Welcoming the Rainbow Alliance Committee Laura Ellis, Secretary

The Rainbow Alliance Committee formed in March 2019 to fill a need to provide support to the queer community, both within and outside of the congregation, and the congregation as a whole. UUCSS became a Welcoming Congregation in 1996, committing to be a welcoming congregation to gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. In the early 2000s, the congregation worked hard in support of marriage equality and other queer issues. However, since marriage equality became the law of the land, UUCSS has not had an active committee or group devoted to queer people and issues. The Rainbow Alliance aims to fill that need and to expand its mission to the entire queer community. In its charter, the Rainbow Alliance declares that it will “provide varied opportunities for our members to become better informed about sexual orientation, gender identity, & relationship status, and to participate in activities that positively affect the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, genderqueer, & non-binary people.”

The Rainbow Alliance has four goals to translate its charter into action:

- (1) renew UUCSS’s Welcoming Congregation vows (read more about Welcoming Congregations and Renewal here: <https://www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program>);
- (2) support UUCSS’s transgender and gender nonconforming members, peers, and the broader community;
- (3) enable and support social forums among UUs in the area that bring allies and queer persons together for fun, support, and learning from each other; and
- (4) act on behalf of the congregation and on behalf of queer persons in a way that reflects their desires, needs, preferences, and concerns.

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Program Council Welcomes Rainbow Alliance

Starting strong, on May 19, the Rainbow Alliance will sponsor a gender Identity service, featuring people whose identity is non-binary and youth who will talk about their journey of gender and sexual identity; on June 5, they will sponsor a zoo social outing, Gay Day at the Zoo; on June 9, they will celebrate PRIDE Day during coffee hour; and on June 23, they will sponsor a transgender service. The Rainbow Alliance also submitted their strategic plan goals as part of UUCSS's current work to form a 3-year rolling strategic plan. And the Alliance is already at work planning its activities for the next church year.

The Rainbow Alliance meets on the third Sunday of the month from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. If you would like more information about the Rainbow Alliance and its work, have any questions, or would just like to know which room they will meet in on May 19th, email rainbowalliance@uucss.org, or talk to one of the three co-chairs, **Linda Barrett, Veronika Martin, or Elise Turner.**

MAY CHARITY OF THE MONTH CASA RUBY

Casa Ruby's vision is to create a world where transgender, genderqueer, and gender non-conforming, gay, lesbian, and bisexual people pursue their dreams and achieve success in their lives without fear of discrimination, harassment, or violence due to their sexual orientation and or gender identity/gender expression.

Casa Ruby is the only LGBTQ bilingual and multicultural organization in the Washington, DC, metro area that provides social services and programs catering to the most vulnerable in the city and surrounding areas. The idea behind the formation of an organization run and led by transgender women of color came about 30 years ago when Ruby Corado arrived in Washington, and there were no services to support her needs as a young transgender Latina immigrant.

Casa Ruby's programs include housing services, preventive health, support services for victims of violence, social services, and Latino and immigration services. The Housing Services Program provides stable living arrangements for young people experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their homes; services vary from shelter for a night to more stable housing, including subsidized rent for up to 6 months. The Preventive Health Program ensures that clients receive the most scientifically sound information on prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections to promote a healthy lifestyle. The Victims of Violence Program provides therapeutic and mental health support for victims of violence, whether it is sexual, physical, or emotional; it includes one-on-one case management and counseling services for victims of violence. The Social Services Program offers a support center with intensive case management and social services from our diverse non-clinical social workers. The Immigration Services Program provides assistance for LGBTQ immigrants transitioning into a new country; this is a unique program that meets the needs of LGBTQ immigrants from around the world.

MAY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH JIM STREET

Jim Street is the Volunteer of the Month for May. Jim and his wife **Emily Tien** came to UUCSS in the early 2000s, looking for a place to build a community with their young children. Although they visited a number of churches, UUCSS appealed because of its Religious Education program and the strength of Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay as the minister. Over the years Jim developed more connections to the church. His family participated in the auctions, Catocin retreats, and the fellowship dinners. Jim also joined one of the first Inreach groups, with **Tom Crews, Mark Ferrenz, and Larry McAneny.** It was after his kids grew up that Jim started volunteering actively at UUCSS. He joined **Deb Weiner's** Sunday Support team several years ago, and then began helping out with various property projects, which is right up his alley as a former shop teacher. He recently joined the Property Committee as well. His most recent property project was removing the large tree by the driveway. Jim noted he became involved in his various volunteer activities because someone asked.

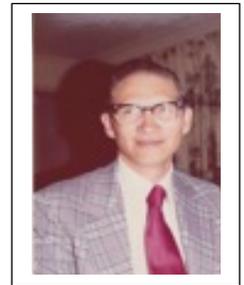
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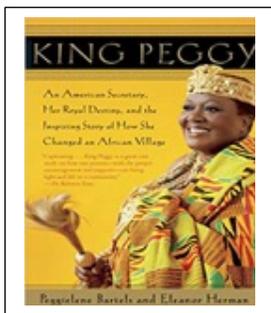
A few years ago, at Emily's suggestion, he and Emily took the teacher course for junior-high Our Whole Lives (OWL) and became certified junior-high OWL instructors. He is currently teaching his third junior-high OWL class. Jim enjoys teaching OWL because he likes to teach. This year, he has one co-teacher. In the past the junior-high OWL team has comprised four teachers, which Jim would like UUCSS to have again. The OWL classes are taught in 2-hour sessions over a 7-month period. To fit in the entire curriculum, sometimes the OWL class will have a sleepover at which they do two sessions in the evening and one in the morning. Jim gratefully noted that he and his co-teacher are not required to sleep over—the parents take on that responsibility. Some of the projects they do during the classes include constructing models of the human reproductive system with balloons and pipe cleaners and learning about contraception, which includes putting condoms on balloons. Jim thinks junior high is a very good time to tackle these subjects, when the kids are aware of the possibilities, but do not yet need to use the information. Jim's many years of teaching seventh graders stands him in good stead. He is reported to be able to handle any questions he's asked by the kids without missing a beat. Jim says it is truly his pleasure to be a part of the team of people doing things at UUCSS.

Remembering Gene Miller

We note with sadness the passing of **Gene Miller**, founding member of UUCSS. Together with his parents, **Alice Louise** and **Maxwell Miller**, Gene was one of the "original thirteen" who signed the membership book after the first worship service on October 12, 1952. He was a familiar presence in and around the church until he and his late wife, Mary, moved to their retirement home in Solomons, MD, around 2002. His surviving brother Bob describes Gene as "... a proper, caring, religious, and intelligent man. He loved collecting stamps and coins, attending the Universalist Church in Silver Spring, where he and his parents were founding members. He was a long-time Washington football fan (he attended Super Bowl XXVI in Minneapolis), and also loved baseball." Gene is remembered fondly by many UUCSS members from good times at the bridge table and for his steady financial leadership.

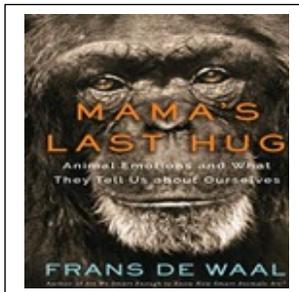


WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



The 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 meeting on May 27, we will discuss **King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of How She Changed an African Village**, by Peggelene Bartels and Eleanor Herman. The annual Memorial Day potluck will be at 6:00, with book discussion at 7:30. The May meeting will be at the home of **Dina Raley**, 13000 Bay Hill Drive, Beltsville, MD. (nmo76@hotmail.com). On June 24, we will discuss **Marmee and Louisa: The Untold Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Mother**, by Eve LaPlante, at **Deb Weiner's** home.

MEN'S BOOK READING GROUP



We are now reading **Mama's Last Hug: Animal Emotions and What They Tell Us About Ourselves**, by Frans de Waal. Our first foray into nonfiction in quite a while.

We will meet to discuss the book at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 12, at the home of **Bill Wolf**, 519 Dartmouth Street, 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!

EVENTS IN BRIEF

MAY 10, 8:00 p.m. Our Voices, Her Song, Sanctuary.

MAY 19, 11:45 a.m. UUCSS 101 for UUCSS Visitors, Triangle Room.

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MAY 25: 2:00–4:00 p.m. Auditions for *SWEAT*, Sanctuary

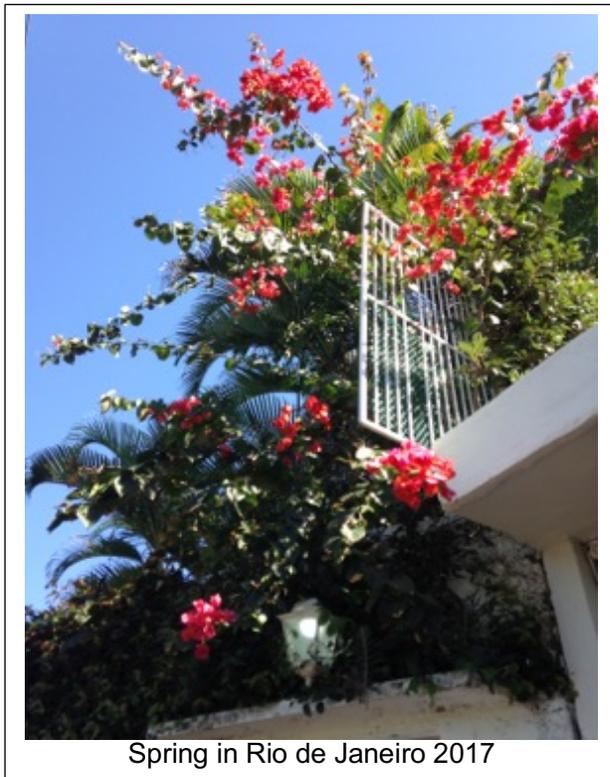
JUNE 2: 1:00 p.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary.

JUNE 5: Zoo Social Outing, Gay Day at the Zoo, Rainbow Alliance

JUNE 9: 11:45 a.m. Celebration of PRIDE Day, Rainbow Alliance

JUNE 24–28, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. daily. UU summer camp for rising grades 1 to 8, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, 4880 Elmer Derr Road, Frederick MD. \$126 for one child and \$106 for each additional child. Register at https://frederickuu.org/learn/UU_Summer_Camp.php.

JULY 7–13. Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community (UUMAC) residential family camp for UUs. Contact Ann Andrex, andrexes@comcasst.net, for help, or visit the UUMAC webpage at www.uumac.org.



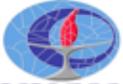
Administrative Update

A reminder that all UUCSS Committee Chairs should submit their committee's Annual Reports to the Church Administrator

by Friday, May 17th.

Melinda Yalom

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