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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.

June 2: FLOWER CEREMONY Catherine Boyle & Rev. Lyn Cox

The Flower Ceremony is a multigenerational Unitarian Universalist ritual celebrating diversity and cooperation. Each person will bring a flower. Together, we'll bless the flowers and admire their beauty. Each person will take a different flower home from the one they brought. We'll also celebrate a Bridging Ceremony for those who are graduating from YRUU and becoming part of the adult community. Please bring a flower to church with you, and plan to stay for the annual meeting after the service.

June 9: Courage for the Journey Rev. Lyn Cox

Living out UU values can mean many different things; fulfilling our mission means bringing together people with a diverse array of needs and gifts. Even with our many paths, most of us need a little extra courage now and then to continue on the quest. We'll welcome new members into the shared journey of UUCSS. This will be the last week of Religious Education mini-courses, and therefore the last week until September when school age children begin in the service (From June 16 through September 1, children and youth begin in their classes at 10:30), so don't miss the Message about bravery when faced with pale green pants.

June 16: Loving, Caring, and Fatherhood Preston Mears

Preston Mears will speak to our need to transcend the confines of traditional paternalism on this Father's Day to a much more exciting embrace of caring for all children. The theme for lay-led services this summer is "Living our UU Values," and that includes the too often neglected historic call to love all children whether adopted or genetically connected, whether of our social grouping or not. Preston will be assisted in the service by Bruce McConachie; grandson Isaac Mears will start the sermon singing the Cat Stevens song: "Father and Son."

June 23: The Spiritual Call to Authenticity: for Ourselves, for Our Culture, and for Our Planet

Chloe Schwenke

Chloe will talk about what it means to be welcoming and affirming to transgender and gender non-binary persons. In light of recent political targeting of the transgender community, Chloe will also speak to what it means for a person of faith to be a true ally to transgender and gender non-binary persons at a time when this community is feeling very vulnerable. Present circumstances challenge people to open their hearts and prayers to people whose very presence can feel unsettling. This talk also calls on us to engage in the spiritual discipline of authenticity – to reach for that place where each of us can live at peace with ourselves, our identities, and our respective places in this world.

June 30: Both Sides Rev. Ashley Burczak

Following the white supremacist march and fatal attack on anti-racist protester Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, VA, President Trump stated that there were "very fine people on both sides" of the protests. This service will explore how we, as a faith, can balance the need to view evil with clear eyes and simultaneously to resist the demonization and dehumanization of others. (Rev. Ashley Burczak is a hospice chaplain with Jewish Social Services and is also the new UU chaplain at Riderwood Retirement Community She is UUCSS's Affiliated Community Minister.)

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Ordination of Ashley Burczak **Saturday, June 8, 2019, 2:30 p.m.**

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring will ordain Chaplain **Ashley Burczak** and covenant with her as our Affiliated Community Minister on Saturday, June 8, at 2:30 in the Sanctuary. Chaplain Ashley's journey through seminary was endorsed by UUCSS, and she has served in the past as our Membership Coordinator. Now that she is working at a hospice chaplain for Jewish Social Services, she is taking Unitarian Universalism into the world in a new way. Ashley is also the new UU chaplain at Riderwood Retirement Community. Come celebrate Chaplain Ashley's change in relationship with UUCSS, and come take part in a congregation's unique power and privilege to confer ordination. The choir will sing, the band will play, and we'll follow the service with a catered reception.

RSVP to Tamara Bowman, president@uucss.org or speak to Tamara or Jo Paoletti about ways you can help.

Interim Minister's Column by Rev. Lyn Cox

Living Our UU Values



There are many ways to bring UU values to life in our individual lives. Some of us create nurturing spaces at home or in the community where people can learn to become their best selves. Some of us serve as leaders, healers, teachers, or in some other calling. Some of us are peacemakers or peaceful troublemakers wherever we go, whether or not it's our full-time occupation. Practicing the Seven Principles is challenging, yet there are opportunities at every turn.

Congregations can support UUs as they live out their values. UUCSS is a laboratory for talent, encouraging members and friends to try new creative outlets, stretch their leadership skills, and practice group process. Worship is meant to be comforting, challenging, transformative, and inspiring toward living UU values individually and collectively. Small groups and religious education for all ages helps us try out new ideas and consider new perspectives in ways that help us live our values throughout our lives.

One part of maturing as a congregation is learning how to keep getting better, as a whole system, at equipping members, friends, children, and youth for growing in faith and carrying the mission forward. We will keep working on this in our next year of interim ministry, as I am certain you will keep working on it with your minister the following year. There is always more to learn.

Another aspect of congregational maturity is learning how to live out UU values as a whole congregation together. How can members join together on congregation-wide shared ministry that helps participants grow in faith while advancing the mission of the congregation? What would it look like for there to be a congregational goal for every member and family to be working toward at the same time, each according to their capacities and talents? The Strategic Planning Team has laid some excellent groundwork for this. Shared ministry can continue to grow under the rolling strategic plan system, adapting from year to year.

Summer is often a time in UU congregations when lay leadership comes to the fore. This is great! Summer can be time when we practice sharing ministry, witness lay people's reflections and testimony from the pulpit, and send people forth for acts of service and spiritual pilgrimage. Let's also use this time to reflect on how the congregation is pursuing its goals and to make plans for the coming year about how we will live our values together.

Speaking of shared leadership, here's the pastoral coverage plan beginning June 10: The lay ministers will keep an eye on pastoral emergencies and will refer the issues that need urgent ministerial attention to either Catherine Boyle or me, depending on which one of us is in town. (We've arranged to be away at different times.) Barring such an emergency, I will be either focused on professional development or on vacation from June 10 until August 1. I'll be back in the pulpit on August 11. I have great faith in the lay ministers, in my

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Interim Minister's Column

colleague Catherine Boyle, and in all of you to care for one another. I look forward to reconnecting with the congregation when I return.

May this season bring you the peace that comes with living your values. May you have opportunities to make good trouble, creating waves for justice and kindness. May you return often to the congregation as a wellspring that helps you to grow in faith.

Message From Tamara Bowman, Board President



We have reached the end of the church year. Shortly after you receive this issue of the *Uniter*, we will have the annual meeting, elect our new officers, and approve our budget for the coming year. It has been a good year. We've made progress on goals we've set. We've tried new things and gotten more comfortable with change. We've supported each other. I am proud of the work our congregation does and I'm looking forward to another year.

One of the changes on the horizon are quarterly pledge and capital campaign statements. Starting in July we will be sending quarterly statements for pledges and capital campaign contributions. Look for the first statement early in July. Statements will follow in early October, January, and April. We believe sending the statements regularly will help everyone stay informed.

The work of the Board goes on throughout the summer. We will be continuing our work reviewing policies and identifying areas where there are gaps in policy. One of the areas that has been identified as lacking, is safety. We have fairly comprehensive safety guidelines as part of the Religious Education (RE) policies, but nothing church-wide. Safety includes things like having a fire escape plan, fire drills, instructions on what to do if the buildings lose power, and how to communicate if there is a weather emergency, among other things. Stephanie McConachie, Board Vice President of Personnel, is coordinating the Safety Task Force to fill in these gaps. The Safety Task Force currently includes representatives from staff, Sunday support, Property, and RE. Please contact Stephanie if you would like to be involved.

As we wind up this year, there are still some unfulfilled positions for the coming church year. We are looking for a Catoctin chair and an auction chair. Both of these events are important to the life of the church and fortunately come with well-documented plans and many willing volunteers to support the chair. Please let me know if you would be able to take on one of these positions. The Catoctin retreat is September 27–29. The auction will be November 9. I look forward to hearing from you.

For current business, the Board meeting includes a report from the Search Committee. We will be reconciling the proposed budget with the collected pledges for the congregational meeting. We will be voting on the strategic plan, the conflict-of-interest policy, and the interim minister contract. I will report on the work the Board accomplished over the summer in the next *Uniter*, which will be published in September.

Have a wonderful summer; see you in church.

Search Committee Farewell

Despite our disappointment at not finding a candidate this year, each member of the Search Committee is grateful for having had the opportunity to serve UUCSS in this way. As we worked long hours at difficult tasks, we took pleasure in the knowledge and understanding we gained and the friendships we formed and deepened among ourselves. We are especially grateful for the trust and support we received from **Rev. Lyn** and the entire congregation—particularly to those who responded to the survey, attended cottage meetings, helped us with analyzing the data we collected, contributed information and narratives to the congregational record, and offered many forms of encouragement as we navigated the search process. We stand ready to assist the next Search Committee with work products, lessons learned, and moral support.

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

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Historical Hiatus by Jo Paoletti

It's been nearly 2 years since I started providing historical sketches for the *Uniter*. I have enjoyed doing them, and I hope you've enjoyed reading them. But I'm going to go on hiatus for a while so I can focus on sorting out the church archives to make them more usable. We have another big anniversary coming up in 2022, and this time it would be nice to be prepared! I will share notes and pictorial gems in the UUCSS group from time to time, and also provide updates on how the "sorting out" is progressing. Not being an actual archivist, I could use some help from the information science experts in the community. If you think you can give me hand, email me (jo.paoletti@gmail.com) or find me at coffee hour.

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Message From Catherine Boyle, Director of Religious Education (DRE) Summertime at RE @ UUCSS

Dear friends,

It is that time of year when the days stretch far into the evening, and the moon is greeted by dancing fireflies. While historically it was traditional for some Unitarian churches to shutter for the summer, the slow pace of the season offers a time for respite and reflection into a deeper relationship with your UU faith, no matter if you are 5, 55, or 95 years old.

The theme of Summer Worship at UUCSS is Exploring Our UU Values. Religious Education this Summer will also cover the theme, offering our children and youth a time to deepen their knowledge and relationship to Unitarian Universalism. Led by Michael Knaapen, Summer RE will center on a different principle or source each Sunday. Summer RE starts at 10:30 in the Chapel and is drop-in, meaning that your child doesn't have to come every week to follow the lesson plans. Pick up your child at the end of service.

Summer RE takes place on the following dates:

JUNE

June 16
June 23
June 30

JULY

July 7
July 14
July 21
July 28

AUGUST

August 4
August 11
August 18
August 25



If you would like to volunteer to assist Michael in leading these classes, please email him at reassistant@uucss.org.

Fall RE begins September 8 following the multi-generational Water Communion on September 2nd.

I wish you a safe and restful summer! See you at church.

Congratulations to Seniors!

A round of applause for our graduating seniors of 2019! We're excited to see you all spread your wings and fly!

Louis Beider

Sydney Sackett

Alexis Turner

CONNECT

UUCSS 101 for 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 Sunday, June 9, 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

Steve Herberman Sunday, July 21, 2019 ♦ 4-5:30 PM

Join us for the Summer edition of **jazz@uucss** with guitarist **Steve Herberman**. Steve is a graduate of Berklee College of Music. He has performed at venues such as Birdland in New York City, Spazio in Los Angeles, the North Wales jazz guitar weekend in the United Kingdom, and a recent Italian tour. Closer to home, he has performed at Blues Alley, the Smithsonian Jazz Cafe, and the Kennedy Center. His recordings as a leader and sideman have received wide critical acclaim, and he is a highly respected jazz educator. Suggested donation is \$10 (\$5 for students/seniors). Children 12 and under are free.

jazz@uucss is a quarterly concert series produced by the UUCSS Music Committee and jazz scholar **Bertrand Uberall** to provide an affordable, listener-friendly venue for jazz in the DC area, create new audiences for outstanding young musicians, and foster connections between UUCSS and the local jazz community.



Rainbow Alliance

June is Pride month, and the Rainbow Alliance has something special planned almost every week.

June 9: The Rainbow Alliance will sponsor a Q and A session on gender identity and sexual orientation. **Elise Turner** will lead this and kick off with a 101 on pronouns and the latest in the lingo. We will also host the Coffee Hour. Get ready for some rainbow treats and activities/coloring for the kids.

June 16: Look for a table at coffee hour on ways to be allies to LGBTQ and queer people, as well as some Informational products to help us all better understand gender identity and sexual orientation. The Genderbread person from your Order of Service in May will be further revealed.

The **June 23rd Service** will feature **Chloe Schwenke**, a transgender woman discussing how to be a welcoming congregation and an ally in the current political climate. She will host a Q and A after the Service.

June 30: **Michael Knaapen** will lead an activity after the service to honor the Stonewall 50th anniversary.

During the summer months, the Rainbow Alliance will have an open lunch for anyone interested on third Sundays. We will discuss plans for Rainbow Alliance activities for the coming year. Dates are July 21 and August 18th. Locations will be posted on the Rainbow Alliance bulletin board in the Community Hall and at <https://uucss.org/calendar/events-2/>.

The Rainbow Alliance will be hosting one-on-one and small group “Listening Sessions” throughout the summer to better understand congregants’ perspectives, interest, and concerns on issues related to UUCSS’ work on gender identity, sexual orientation, and relationship status. If you are interested in facilitating a listening session or being in a listening session, please contact **Veronika Martin** at goosebeakorange@gmail.com or call her at 202-550-3199.

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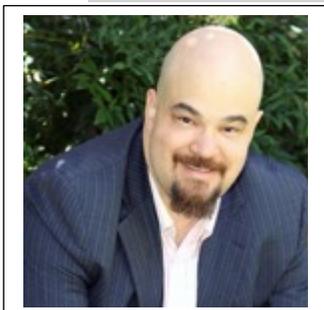
The Program Council Column: How to “Hold a Program” Coming Soon! Laura Ellis, Secretary

The lifeblood of UUCSS is its programs. The church holds programs (like Sunday services), committees hold programs, and individuals or small groups not affiliated with a committee hold programs. But sometimes it can be confusing to know what needs to be done, beyond planning the content of the program itself.

To try and address this issue, the Program Council is working on a program events guide, which it hopes to finalize this summer. The guide will be posted on the UUCSS website. It will be maintained and updated by the Program Council, which will make changes as necessary in order to provide people the information needed when planning a program at UUCSS. Look for an announcement in the All-Church Email and the UUCSS Facebook page when the program events guide is ready. If you plan to organize a program in the future, prepare to bookmark the page!

WANTED: Program Council Secretary ♦ Beginning August 2019! Do you like to write? Are you interested in how the church provides structure and oversight for programs? Would you like to be a part of the program leadership as UUCSS rolls out its new 3-year strategic plan model, with new responsibilities for the Program Council? The Program Council Secretary is a voting member of the Program Council and provides support to the Program Chair and Deputy Chair as a member of the Program Council leadership team. The Program Council Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes and writing the Volunteer of the Month and Program Council columns each month. If you are interested, contact the Board at board@uucss.org. If you have questions, contact Laura Ellis.

From Pablo deJesús, President, Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ)



As part of the National Week of Action To End Child Detention (from June 9–16), UUSJ, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), the Unitarian Universalists Service Committee (UUSC), and other UUs are part of a coalition with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) mobilizing to close the Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Alien Children in Florida and beyond.

From your home or congregation, you can sign the petition to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary **Alex Azar**; **Lynn Johnson**, Assistant Secretary at HHS' Administration for Children and Families; and **Jonathan Hayes**, Acting Director of Office of Refugee Resettlement before June

10. The petition asks to reunite children with their sponsors as quickly as possible and end collaborations with the Department of Homeland Security that interfere with reunifications, as well as close the Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Alien Children and stop using emergency influx facilities. The coalition wants to gather 100,000 signatures to deliver to HHS and members of Congress. The petition link can be found at <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/sign-our-partner-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center/>.

Letters can be written by children directed to the children in detention at Homestead, Florida. You can organize religious education classes to write letters, or have your children and grandchildren participate. The coalition will deliver letters to your members of Congress between June 10 and 14. An AFSC portal and toolkit is available at <https://migrantjustice.afsc.org>, with signups plus materials for children and youth.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, **June 9**, is the “Where are the Children” Pajama Clothesline Project (representing children separated from their families) as part of International Children’s Day on the National Mall, Washington, DC, between 12th and 14th Streets, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The UU Church of Columbia, Maryland, is leading this witness action.

On Wednesday, **June 12**, a coalition will visit Hill offices to advocate for bills in the House and Senate aimed at prohibiting federal funds from being used for emergency influx facilities (like the Homestead Detention Center) and prohibiting HHS from sharing information on potential sponsors of detained children with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which could use the information to deport sponsors. Details are to be announced at <https://www.uusc.org/initiatives/sign-our-partner-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center/>. If you want to help in either planning or visit roles, please let us know at info@uusj.org.

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UUs for Social Justice

On Sunday, **June 16** (Father's Day), there will be an interfaith march and vigil at Homestead Detention Center in Florida. Encourage friends and families to join (or travel yourself to Florida). Coalition partners include AFSC, Florida Immigrant Coalition, United We Dream, Miami Friends Meeting, WeCount!, Farmworker Association of Florida, and Miramar Circle of Protection. Sign up at <https://migrantjustice.afsc.org> for news on the gathering site and time (at Homestead Hospital) and to sign up to join the vigil.

JUNE CHARITY OF THE MONTH National Center for Transgender Equality

The National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE) in Washington, DC, works to replace disrespect, discrimination, and violence with empathy, opportunity, and justice by advocating for change to policies and society to increase understanding and acceptance of transgender people.

NCTE envisions a society in which transgender people not only survive but thrive, with accepting families and communities, full self-determination over their identities and bodies, and freedom from disrespect, discrimination and violence.

For this vision to become a reality, we must also create equity, equal opportunity, safety, health, and economic wellbeing for all people over their entire lifetimes. NCTE has several initiatives.

NCTE's Racial and Economic Justice Initiative ensures that the perspectives and priorities of transgender people of color, and those who live in urban and rural poverty, are part of the national policy and advocacy agenda. Currently, the Initiative's work includes reforming detention conditions for transgender people in correctional facilities and in immigration detention.

The NCTE Legal Network helps ensure that every transgender person can navigate the complicated name and gender change process and confidently address other legal issues they may face.

Voices for Transgender Equality (VTE) empowers transgender people and allies so that they can better advocate for transgender rights. VTE allows community members to connect directly with NCTE, to receive resources and opportunities as well as to help NCTE stay informed about transgender rights issues in communities across the country.

Families for Transgender Equality (FTE) is a network of families with trans youth, and groups that support these families, who all want to change policies and society to improve trans people's lives.

JUNE VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH CAROL HAMILTON

Carol Hamilton has identified as a Unitarian Universalist all her life. She came to UUCSS in 1996 in search of religious education for her 8-year-old daughter, **Yassi Davoodi**. She became involved in UUCSS, and she and Yassi enjoyed going to UUCSS's annual retreat at Catoclin, but as a single mother, she said "no" to frequent requests to volunteer, particularly for religious education. Then she left for 3 years to work at The Mountain, a UU retreat center in North Carolina. Upon her return, realizing she had said no to many volunteer requests,

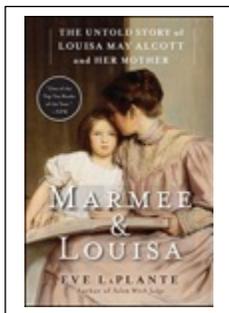
she asked herself, "what do I want to say yes to?" Carol found that she enjoyed doing things that were different from the things she did all day professionally, and she enjoyed trying things out and learning new skills through church life. So, when she heard that the Board was going to engage in strategic planning (for the first time in a long time), she reached out to then-President **Maud Clarke** and offered to work on it. She became the chair and then a member of that first strategic planning committee, working with **Catherine Buckler**, **Mark Ferrenz**, **Jim Paoletti**, and **Phyllis Ryder**. She also became a facilitator of an Inreach group when they were first formed, which she facilitated for quite a few years; she continues as a member of an Inreach group to this day. She served on the Membership Committee and helped to reconfigure the membership process as a clear and standardized process for all those who wanted to become members. She also served on the Personnel Committee.

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Volunteer of the Month continued

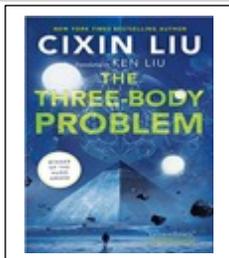
In or around 2012, Carol was elected to the Board and found herself named Interim President prior to her first Board meeting. She was a member of the Board that had to deal with the problem of two called ministers with different visions for the church. Although it was a very difficult and challenging process that lasted over several months, Carol was impressed with the quality of the discussion and discernment among the Board members as they struggled to come to the “best worst decision” they could. She then rounded out her tenure by serving as Interim President again in 2015 for the last 3 to 4 months of her term. Most recently, Carol has chaired the Search Committee, the members of which she considers a “really good group of people.” Serving on different committees and the Board is a way to get to know people and learn their strengths, which Carol finds valuable. Between volunteer efforts, however, Carol deliberately takes a sabbatical. Carol encourages other members and friends to think about what church activities or opportunities they want to say yes to, and to step back after a period of service to recharge and to give other people a chance to step forward.

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. 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 highly rated sci-fi: *The Three-Body Problem*, by Cixin Liu and Ken Liu. We will meet to discuss the book at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at the home of **Jamie Jorgenson**, 107 White Birch Court, Greenbelt, MD. 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

JUNE 2, 12:00 noon. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary.

JUNE 8, 2:30 p.m. Ashley Burczak ordination, Sanctuary.

JUNE 9, 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. “Where Are the Children” Pajama Clothesline Project, National Mall, Washington, DC.

JUNE 9, 11:45 a.m. UUCSS 101 for UUCSS Visitors, Triangle Room.

JUNE 9, 11:45 a.m. Q and A on gender identity and sexual orientation, Sanctuary.

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Events in Brief continued

JUNE 23, 11:45 a.m. Q and A with **Chloe Schwenke**, a transgender woman doing the service, Sanctuary.

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.

JUNE 30, 11:45 a.m. Activity to honor the Stonewall 50th anniversary, Sanctuary

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

JULY 21, 12:00 noon. Rainbow Alliance open lunch, location TBD.

JULY 21, 4:00–5:30 p.m. jazz@uucss, Sanctuary.

AUGUST 18, 12:00 noon. Rainbow Alliance open lunch, location TBD.

Administrative Update

My office hours will continue, as usual, during most of June, July, and August.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Melinda Yalom, Church Administrator



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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Submissions to the *Uniter* are due by the 20th of the prior month. Send information and visuals to uniter@uucss.org.

Format guidelines for submissions: Text must be in a form that it can be edited, either in a Microsoft Word file or in the body of an email that can be copied and pasted. Graphics must be in a format in which they can be repositioned and resized—jpeg is greatly preferred.

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