
SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 7, 10:00 a.m.

Picture This: A Religion for Our Time

Canvass Sunday - **Reverend Strauss** will preach and the choir will sing!

This Sunday we will celebrate Love Springing to Life at UUCR. We will consider how we are called to live our faith in the 21st century. Come prepared to fill out your pledge card with an amount that represents the gifts you give and receive within this congregation. Give until it feels right! If everyone pledges on Canvass Sunday, the future can begin, now.

Preschool-senior high will gather in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the worship service before classes.

March 14, 10:00 a.m.

Rhythm, Seasons, Poetry, and Play

Deborah Kahn, Director of Religious Education

Daylight Savings Time begins today; remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

The Celtic religious tradition includes a closeness to the earth, to the ebb and flow of times and seasons, and an interweaving of song, story, poetry, imagination into daily life. There is much to

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Picture This: The Miracles of Learning and Beauty

by Cynthia Taylor

Where are our miracles? Our resurrections and Red Seas? Our splitting moons and White Buffalo Women? Life seems so hard at times. Literal tsunamis and earthquakes wreak no less havoc and hardship than their figurative economic, political and social counterparts. It seems nothing short of a miracle could right humanity's wrongs. But where is the magic in Unitarian Universalism?

Buddha is said to have passed through walls, walked on water, flown through the air. Now that's a good story. One to entertain the children, comfort and bring hope to their parents. And yet, was it not also Buddha who said that the greatest miracle of all is the miracle of instruction?

We UUs do seem to have that one covered. And UUCR offers so many opportunities for intellectual as well as spiritual growth: Sunday sermons, religious education, Wonderful Wednesdays, Socrates Café, books groups, Small Group Ministries. But it doesn't stop there. If two UUs meet in a forest but there is no lesson plan, do they still learn something from each other? I'd put money on it.

And speaking of forests, isn't that one more UU miracle—our appreciation for the great outdoors? Which we are called to worship, at least indirectly, every time we enter our beautiful Sanctuary.

It's harder this way. Accepting that we have to be the change we want to see in the world. But we can make a difference. Because we are smart people. And we do understand the true value of the Earth on which we live and the people with whom we share it. A miracle would be nice, but failing that, it's going to take time, dedication, and yes, financial resources to bring about much needed change. Please give generously this pledge season. (Magic wands, especially the metaphorical kind, are expensive.)

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Please give generously for the continuing work of this, our congregation.

I often say these words to introduce our Sunday morning offertory because I am clear that without a strong financial base, our ministry would not be possible. It is your commitment and generosity as a member or friend of UUCR that makes all we do possible.

Only you can determine what a generous pledge is for you or for your family. Some years we can give more, some years less. This year, the ministry we offer both within our walls and in the larger community is needed more than ever. So please do all you can to keep our church strong.

Thank you to Irene Eckstrand and Cary Gellman and all those who have worked on our "Picture This!" campaign. Our spirit is strong as a congregation, we experience abundance every Sunday, and we are filled with gratitude for the blessings of UUCR. I have faith in our future. I have faith in our commitment to one another. I have faith in our legacy of love and justice.

I look forward to seeing you on **March 7, our Canvass Sunday**. Come prepared to make a pledge that reflects your gratitude and your generosity. Every pledge counts. Come Celebrate Life with this, your congregation.

Blessings,

Lynn

Sunday Worship

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identify as roots of our own tradition and to draw upon for inspiration in our modern lives.

Preschool-fifth grade will gather in Founders Hall for Children's Worship before classes. Sixth grade, junior and senior high will go directly to classes.

March 21, 10:00 a.m.
*21st Century Abundance:
Doing with Less*
Rev. Lynn Strauss

How is the current economic crisis affecting your family? Does one's socio-economic class background affect how we respond to changes in the national economic picture? What is a theology of abundance and how can we live without anxiety in the face of cut-backs and job insecurity? Reverend Strauss will offer thoughts on these questions.

(Please contact Rev. Strauss, if you have a story to share.)

Preschool-fifth grade will gather in Founders Hall for Children's Worship before classes. Sixth grade, junior and senior high will go directly to classes.

March 28, 10:00 a.m.
Lay Led Service

For the most current information on upcoming events, visit the UUCR church calendar online at www.uucr.org. At the top of the home page, click on the tab labeled "For Members." Click on the link labeled "Room Schedule Calendar" and you'll be taken to another website where you can view the entire UUCR calendar of events.



LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Reflections

Funny how memory works. In 2006, Richard Gilbert delivered the Fahs Lecture at General Assembly. Ever since then, one of the lenses I've used to look at our religious education program has been his message that we need to grow "prophetic souls." When I pulled his lecture to reread today, I saw that his title is "Growing People of Prophetic Fire." Even though I have re-read his lecture many times since I heard him deliver it in 2006, I realize I have consistently remembered the title as, "Growing Prophetic Souls." I guess we all bring our personal background and language, in sometimes unconscious ways, to how we view and speak of the world.

Whether we call it growing prophetic souls or growing people of prophetic fire, I think we're doing it! Living it! From the K-1st class contributing almost one third of the total "Pennies for Peace" contribution to the senior high class leading a gift-sharing, thoughtful, prophetic worship service to the adult ed Wonderful Wednesday discussion about faith, reason, and how we govern, how we act in this political time more open to

progressive values. Just three examples of the many ways our church teaches by what we are and by what we do.

In his closing, Richard Gilbert quotes the following from poet May Sarton's "Invocation to Kali:"

*Help us to be the always hopeful
Gardeners of the spirit
Who know that without darkness
Nothing comes to birth
As without light
Nothing flowers.*

He closed his lecture with these words, "...what are any of us but gardeners of the spirit, getting our fingernails dirty with the work of the world, celebrating the growth we experience and observe? We take the mud of the earth, mix with holy water, and behold – a human being. Our church communities are the rich soil in which people of prophetic fire will grow in this mystical spiritual osmosis. We are gardeners of the spirit whose essential mission is to grow people of prophetic fire. Let's get busy."

Copies of the lecture are on the table outside the religious education office in Building 4. You are welcome to take one and if we run out, I'll be glad to make more.

Blessings,

Deborah

Lifespan Religious Education Sunday

Sunday, March 21,
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.,

Book Discussion of *Original Blessing* by Matthew Fox, led by **Deborah Kahn**.

In this revolutionary work, Matthew Fox extols the original blessing of all creation. Named one of the twenty books that changed the world. Matthew Fox continues to renew the ancient tradition of Creation Spirituality and is the recipient of the Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award. A limited number of books, \$12.00 each, are available for purchase at the Adult Ed table in Davies Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship services.

LIFESPAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. – *African Americans and Abraham Lincoln: From Frederick Douglass to Barack Obama* led by **Alonzo Smith**. Montgomery college professor Alonzo Smith will offer a lecture and PowerPoint presentation followed by a discussion. Their changing and diverse views on this icon of American culture reflect the diversity of the African American experience, as well as the influences of historical factors on how we choose to remember the past. (Rescheduled from February 10 snow cancellation.)

Wednesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m. – *St. Patrick's Day Dinner Potluck & Celebration!* Coordinated by **Kris Mejia** and **Gwen Rowe**. See article below for details.

Wednesday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. – *Spring Equinox* led by **Deborah Kahn** and **Terrie McNulty**. On a day of equinox, the time is one of balance between night and day, light and dark. It is a good time to celebrate new life, potential, what you want to grow and bloom in your life, what you want to celebrate in this season.

Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. – *Louisa May Alcott* performed by Candace Ridington. Meet Louisa May Alcott, an American novelist, as portrayed by Candace Ridington. Louisa May (November 29, 1832 – March 6, 1888) was best known for her novel *Little Women*, set in the Alcott family home in Concord, Massachusetts, and published in 1868. This novel is loosely based on her childhood experiences with her three sisters.

Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m. — *Praying with Poets (Session 2)* led by **Natalie Fenimore**. Praying has been defined as responding to the divine, with or without words. In praying, we open ourselves to relationship with the holy within and outside of ourselves – we praise, wonder, question and struggle with creation. Let's take a moment to "listen in" to the prayers of poets who are skilled at using words and images in response to grace and wonder.

Wonderful Wednesday St. Patrick's Day Celebration

by *Alberta Maschal*



Join us for a Wonderful Wednesday celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17! We'll start this evening a little earlier than usual, at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck supper. Please bring a favorite dish to share. (Green foods and beverages welcomed but not required!) The evening will also feature live Celtic music and an Irish dancing demo provided by UUCR members, and a craft activity for kids.

For many Irish Americans, St. Patrick's Day is a time to remember the struggles and hunger their ancestors endured in Ireland before seeking a new life in America. In that spirit, people are invited to bring a non-perishable food donation.

This St. Patrick's Day celebration is being organized and hosted by SpectrUUm, UUCR's social networking and events group for adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s. All ages are welcome. Please RSVP to **Kris Mejia** (kbmejia@comcast.net) or to the SpectrUUm listserv (spectrum@uucr.org) so we know how many tables to set up. See you there!

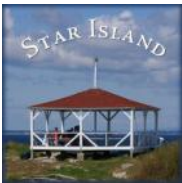
SHARING THE MINISTRY

Path to Membership is Coming

by Phyllis Childers



Newcomers interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism, about UUCR and about church membership are invited to attend Path to Membership on March 21 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and March 28 from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Both classes will have child care available and March 28 includes lunch for participants and their children. To register for the class: (1) sign up at the Visitor Center in the entrance corridor, (2) call the church office, 301-762-7666 or (3) email phyllischilders@comcast.net. Please include your contact information. For child care, include children's names and ages.



Star Beckons

by Roald Schrack

Star Island is a conference center 10 miles off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, that is owned jointly by the UUA and UCC. A week on Star Island is a joy of nature, a pleasure of the soul, and a refreshing experience of comradeship. This wave-dashed jewel is host to a series of week-long conferences on a range of subjects from art and nature to poetry and global health. With plenty of time for bird walks, a little personal art, chats in the rocking chairs on the great porch, and bounteous meals served by the “pelican” crew, you will find the days go all too fast. Many in our congregation have looked forward every year to our annual trip to this enchanted isle. Pick up a colorful brochure on the table by the bulletin boards in the lobby and choose your wonderful week. For more information, contact **Roald Schrack** or visit www.starisland.org.

All Things Action Auction

by Linda Hartley, Chair

Save the date for the Action Auction: Your favorite time of year is coming! Join us for a terrific event on May 1!

Past auction volunteers: Please contact me at linda.hartley@agilysys.com to donate your time and advice.

Donations: Have an event, talent or item to donate? Perhaps you know someone who can help? Donation deadline is April 4.

This is a great friend-raising, fun-raising, fundraising event for UUCR. Let's start thinking of warm weather and a fun get-together.

History of Unitarians and Universalists of Washington, D.C. Explored in New Local Book

Unitarians established a church in the nation's capitol in 1821 and the first Universalist sermon in Washington was presented at city hall in 1827. Since these beginnings, Washington-area Unitarians and Universalists have created congregations that affirm ideals of religious liberalism: a commitment to religious freedom, a reasoned approach to faith, a hopeful view of human capacities to create a better world and the belief that God is most authentically known as love.

In a new pictorial history book by local author and Unitarian Universalist minister Bruce T. Marshall, over 200 vintage photographs commemorate a religion grounded in the ideals of human worth and dignity, the free search for religious truth, and spirituality that unites people of different heritages and beliefs. The book is available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at 888-313-2665 or www.arcadiapublishing.com.

CHURCH WORKS

Report from the Board

by *Bennett Rushkoff*

At its February 22 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a proposal, presented by **Antonio Carrillo** on behalf of the Social Justice Committee, to apply the \$2,709 balance in UUCR's Social Justice Capital Fund toward the \$5,000 cost of sponsoring an examination room at a new health clinic in Rockville. The "UUCR" examination room -- at Community Ministries of Rockville's Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic -- will serve uninsured and underinsured people in Montgomery County. The Social Justice Committee has also proposed that the congregation make annual fundraising efforts on behalf of the new clinic.

The Board approved a draft letter from Rainbow Youth Alliance (RYA) volunteers **Stephanie Kreps** and **Patty Walker** inviting area congregations to become founding members of Friends of RYA. Participating congregations will make annual donations of at least \$100 to RYA and ask their members to make donations as well. These donations will help RYA meet the challenge of a dollar-for-dollar matching grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

The Board reviewed and approved a sabbatical plan submitted by **Reverend Lynn Strauss** and the Sabbatical Committee. The plan addresses the purposes of Reverend Strauss's sabbatical:

- For the minister — study, reflection, rest, renewal and personal and professional growth;
- For the congregation — self discovery, building confidence, discovering new strengths and skills.

The plan also addresses coverage during the sabbatical for pastoral care and preaching, preparing the congregation for the sabbatical, preparing the staff and Board, relations with the minister during the sabbatical, the minister's sabbatical goals, and the financial costs of the sabbatical. Reverend Strauss's five-month sabbatical and one-month vacation are scheduled to begin December 1, 2010, and end May 31, 2011.

Finance Committee Chair **Kent Hancock** presented a draft position description for a part-time church bookkeeper, and a revised Treasurer position description to apply once a bookkeeper is hired. The bookkeeper would perform about 17-18 hours of work each month, most of which is now performed by the Treasurer. Hiring a bookkeeper would reduce the Treasurer's typical monthly workload, bringing it more in line with the workload of other Board members. Kent also presented alternative strategies for reducing the church's mortgage principal in anticipation of higher interest rates when the mortgage must be refinanced in November 2013.

At its January 25 meeting, the Board approved a 2010 Canvass budget that would require a 5.5% increase in pledges. The proposed budget provides for a part-time sabbatical minister (in place of the intern minister position), increased sermon coverage by guest speakers, a \$4,879 increase in social justice spending, and an increase in UUA and JPD dues from 80% to 90% of UUCR's "fair share" level. The Board also approved an agenda for the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting on January 31. At that meeting, the congregation approved a request from **Seanan Holland** that UUCR ordain him as a Unitarian Universalist minister in the fall of 2010, supported consideration at this year's UUA General Assembly of a revised Draft Statement of Conscience on Peacemaking, and discussed the pros and cons of the proposal to change UUCR's name.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

What in the World is UULM-MD and What Is It Up To?

by Ken Sandin

The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD) represents UUs in advocating for Maryland legislation that reflects and furthers our UU principles and purposes. Pennsylvania and California have comparable organizations. UULM-MD is hosted by the UU Church of Annapolis. The Rev. William Murry, former president of Unitarian Universalism's Meadville-Lombard Seminary, is a board member.

Three members of UUCR attended the annual meeting on Saturday, February 14, when UULM-MD selected the primary issues for its advocacy during the 2010 Maryland legislative session, January 13 - April 12. Those issues are global warming, health care reform, marriage equality, and public campaign finance reform.

For more information on UULM-MD's activities in these areas, speak with **Mary Lanigan** and **Jon Landenburger**, who participated in the break-out session on global warming, and **Ken Sandin**, who participated in the health care reform session. Some information is also available at www.uulmmd.org, but more complete and updated material is in a recent email message that Ken Sandin will forward to you on request; contact Ken at kens.s@mindspring.com.

UUCR supports UULM-MD through a \$100 annual contribution by the Social Justice Committee, and four members are contributing supporters. You can also join (\$25 annually) via www.uulmmd.org.

In other Annapolis direct advocacy, three UUCR members, **Thomas Lipp** and **Stephanie** and **Gary Kreps**, traveled to Annapolis on February 22 for Equality Maryland's Lobby Day rally and visits to legislators to support passage of the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection bill (SB 582/HB 808) and to oppose a bill for a constitutional amendment, the Maryland Marriage Protection Act (HB 1079), which would limit marriage to a man and a woman. The Senate hearing on SB 582 will be on March 3 at 1:00 p.m.; the House hearing on HB 808 is on March 4 at 1:00 p.m. The House hearing on HB 1079 is on March 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Ken Sandin worked in Annapolis with HealthCare-Now of Maryland, signing up legislators to co-sponsor the Maryland Health Security Act of 2010 (HB 767/SB 682), a centrist approach that proposes publically-financed, privately-delivered, affordable health care for all, not dependent on employment. Hearing dates have not yet been set.



Passover Seder for Social Justice on March 28

by Cassandra Heifetz

Please join us on Sunday, March 28, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for the annual Passover Seder and potluck dinner.

Reverend Lynn Strauss will lead the Seder with families participating and learning about this meaningful Jewish tradition.

The cost is \$5 per adult; children 12 or under are free. Families are asked to bring a side dish. Additional donations toward the social justice cause of promoting human rights and eradicating slavery worldwide will also be accepted.

Sign-ups in Davies Fellowship Hall begin after worship services on March 7. Please sign up or e-mail **Cassandra Heifetz** by March 21 to reserve your place. Anyone willing to volunteer, please sign the volunteer list at the table or contact **Cassandra** or **Adam Heifetz** at (301)990-6289 or heifetz3337@comcast.net to find out how you can be part of this wonderful UUCR tradition!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Partner Church Update

by Louise Friedenber

Our scheduled Partner Church Sunday for February 7 was snowed out, but has been rescheduled for May 9. We will have the opportunity to support our three scholarship students at the reception following the worship service on that Sunday.

Here is the latest news from Rev. Sandor Kovacs, minister of our partner church in Transylvania:

Many thanks for your support of our cemetery fence to create a meditation area, the Sunday School supplies, and the annual minister's stipend. We also have had a very hard winter with great snow and -23° C temperature, but looking at the picture you sent, we see that you are having a worse winter. We are very sorry and hope you have better weather with a nice spring. God bless you and all members of UUCR. Yours sincerely, Sandor

Mansfield M. Kaseman Health Clinic

by Ken Sandin

The Mansfield M. Kaseman Health Clinic, an initiative of the Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR), opened recently on Middle Lane in downtown Rockville, in space formerly occupied by a CVS pharmacy and before that by Mack's Hardware. The clinic is the latest addition to the Montgomery Cares group of public and private health clinics (now 13) that provide medical care to uninsured, low income adults in the county.

On February 22, the clinic held a sneak preview of the facility for supporters, which include CMR member congregations, businesses, individuals, and the Montgomery County government. **Ken Sandin** filled in for CMR Board member **Antonio Carrillo** (also co-chair of UUCR's Social Justice Committee) to outline the committee's plan to support the clinic. CMR had asked for this presentation as one of several to give member congregations fundraising ideas.

Meanwhile, Antonio was presenting the committee's fund-raising plan to the UUCR Board of Trustees, which approved its proposal to release funds in the Social Justice Capital Fund to support the clinic. The Board also indicated that it is generally supportive of the idea of UUCR sponsoring an examination room at the clinic.

Pennies for Peace

by Deborah Kahn



Many thanks to everyone who contributed to "Pennies for Peace." We collected \$166.52, with almost one third of the total collected by the K-1st class!

"A penny can buy a pencil, start an education, transform a life." Our "Pennies for Peace" collection will help build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan and links us with people of all ages world-wide dedicated to peace.

TALES FROM

The Choir Takes Manhattan

by Jennifer Rodgers Beach



Most of the group in front of the Lincoln Center Fountain

THE EXPERIENCE:

After a whirlwind Fall of rehearsals, paperwork and fundraising, 32 members of our UUCR Adult Choir along with our Director of Music, Jennifer Rodgers Beach, finally made the trip to New York City to sing *The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace* at Lincoln Center's Avery Fischer Hall. We were there by invitation from Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) and sang with a massed chorus of 225+ singers from 10 choral groups. UUCR was the only group which was not a concert choir! The concert, given on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, included a huge orchestra and a screen above our heads that displayed images of war and peace in the 20th century. Many members and friends of UUCR made the trip to NYC to attend the concert and it was amazing to all be together in that setting!

We spent 3 full days and 4 nights in the city. Many of us rode the MegaBus from Chinatown and back, and we generally took over the bottom level of the bus – breaking out stories and snacks along the way. Many of us also stayed in same hotel. Everyone really looked out for each other – forming different groups to explore the city, eat meals and walk to and from rehearsals. A favorite find that we discovered our very first night was Lansky's Deli. Oh, the matzoh ball soup! At most any meal for the rest of the trip, you could normally find a UUCR singer at Lansky's.

Half of our days were spent in intense rehearsals with the chorus. Synthesizing a group that size and covering a 13-movement work in 3 rehearsals (even long ones!) is no small feat and DCINY handled it very well. Every singer in the room – from seasoned veteran to first-time chorister – soaked up the experience. Yes, we got to know *The Armed Man* even better than before, but more, we all took away so much about ourselves as singers, as contributors to such an experience, and as members of such a wonderful UUCR community. We all talked about the experience as it happened, got to know each other better, and expressed so much appreciation for this rare opportunity and all that had gone into making it happen!

THE CHOIR TAKES MANHATTAN, continued

THE FINAL REPORT:

The acceptance of DCINY's invitation came with a huge undertaking to pay for this opportunity. Most of that cost was shouldered by the choir members who participated, but we were determined from the start to find a way to help all who wanted to go. We set a goal of \$5,000 to cover the needed scholarships and the support from the UUCR community was there in spades. We raised just over that \$5,000 and, in addition, were able to host a local massed choir concert of our own on January 8 that was combined with a peace vigil. Eighty singers and a professional orchestra performed for an enthusiastic crowd of about 125. After all expenses (of both trip and concert), we are thrilled that we'll be able to give a significant donation to local peace organizations.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We have many, many people to thank for every kind of support that made this all possible:

- ❖ Lynn, Nancy, Judy and all of the church staff for logistical support, encouragement, and sanity checks for Jen.
- ❖ Dick Gilbert and Mark Wilson for organizing the travel and lodging details.
- ❖ Irene Eckstrand for a beautiful concert program design.
- ❖ Many choir members who donated their time, money, cooking and entertaining skills to sponsor four decadent musical dinners. Especially our hosts of those dinners: Victoria Williamson, Irene Eckstrand, Fran Lowe, Marianne Miller, Jan Impara, and Kris Butler Mejia.
- ❖ Susan Beach for getting the word out to the larger community.
- ❖ The Social Justice Committee and Ray Watts for making the peace connection and supporting our local concert, especially during such a busy time of year.
- ❖ And to all those who contributed to the endeavor. Many names are listed below, but we know that many more gave during the Washboard Band. Still more cheered us on and wished us well!

Jill Asman	Edd & Herenia Doerr	Michael & Marge Holmes	Gail Owens
Martha Beyerlein	Irene & Steve Eckstrand	Christopher Jeeves	Daniel Pierce
Rotraut & Larry Bockstahler	Jack & Judy Eisenhower	Barbara & Dale Kawamura	Jan Popp
Bob Bort & Marion Higgins-Bort	Roger Estep	Ed Kimball	Betty Prestemon
Jeanine Braithwaite & Allan Nathanson	Joan Fox	Jay & Virginia LaMarche	Ginny Real & Cynthia Thurston
Charles & Connie Braun	Louise Friedenberg	See Yan Lam	Marie Reed
Anne Byrd	Terri Fritz	Mary Lanigan	Sue Roth
Bob & Paulette Campbell	Cita Furlani	Thomas Lipp	Ken Sandin
Gaynelle Campbell	Edward Garbe	Dave Lorms & Alberta Maschal	Edward Scheiderer
Antonio & Suzanne Carrillo	Richard & Carey Gellman	Karen MacIntyre	Ginny Scher
Margaret Chalkley	Dick & Ethel Gilbert	Andy McCann	Roald Schrack & Pat Wilson
Irv Chamberlain	Ralph & Jewell Golden	Sue McCall	Beth & Sam Steel
Richard Chitty	Nancy Gregory	Maude McGovern	Elsa Tutwiler
Mark Corfman	Nancy Grissom	Kjell & Hollie Michelson	Patty Walker
Carole Danielson	Susan Hall	Dorothy Millon-Ladd	Ray Watts
Niki & Gordon Davis	Kent & Gayle Hancock	Barb & Herb Neumann	Angelique Wheelock
	Linda Hartley	Mary O'Day	Mark & Jo Wilson

THINKING OF YOU

by Ethel Gilbert and the Caring Committee

It was wonderful to see **Wayne Crump** in church just a few days after brain surgery, and even more wonderful to know that the surgery went well, with both the surgeon and Wayne pleased with the results. For more information, and Wayne's humorous commentary, go to <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/waynecrump>.

Herenia Doerr has five watercolor paintings in the current exhibit at Brookside Gardens. Washington Metropolitan Society's show, "Spring Images, Spring Magic," features acrylics, oils and watercolors and runs from February 20 through April 3.

Please contact **Ethel Gilbert** with any joys, concerns, or accomplishments you'd like to share in this column.

From the Editors . . .

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Our Vision

The vision of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville is to bring progressive religion to our community and beyond through words, acts, and invitation; to grow as a healthy vibrant congregation that embraces a diversity of people and ideas; and to create a center for intellectual, spiritual, and creative exploration.

Our Mission

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville provides a liberal religious home in Montgomery County, welcoming all who share our journey to seek truth, meaning, fellowship, and wholeness with open hearts and minds. Using Unitarian Universalist values as our guide, we strive to:

- Nurture intellectual, spiritual, and creative growth;
- Transform belief into action;
- Inspire insight and a sense of wonder through worship and religious education;
- Engage in social justice, community service, and global outreach.