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AMPLIFICATION DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT.

Two types are available. One works with a hearing aid; the other works on its own. Please see an usher if you would like to use one of the units. **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Order of Service are also available. Please see an usher if you would like a copy.

A CENTERING THOUGHT:

*You think the ocean should dry to sand because
all the tears it held, you have used up.*

You have stolen water even from the clouds.

— from “Still the Moon Increases”, by Nancy Shaffer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carla Gates, Board of Trustees

SOUNDING THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP & CHALICE LIGHTING

The Rev. Paige Getty

INTROIT

There Is More Hope

African American Hymn

NEW MEMBER WELCOME CEREMONY (see insert)

HYMN #346

Come, Sing a Song with Me (verses 1–3)

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Robin Slaw, Director of Religious Education

SINGING OUR CHILDREN TO CLASS

Natalie Sleeth

*Go now in peace, go now in peace;
May the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere, you may go.*

(Please remember to pick up your children at 10 minutes after the hour.)

OFFERING OF GIFTS & MUSIC *Hatikvah* Trad. Hebrew, arr. Keveren
(with Hope)

Give by Text at 410-709-3554

(Simply text the donation amount – including dollar sign (\$) – to the above number. If this is the first time you are giving by text, you will receive a reply with a link to complete the transaction.)

READING “Still the Moon Increases”, by Nancy Shaffer

ANTHEM *Come in Peace* Brian Tate

SERMON *Hope(less)?* The Rev. Paige Getty

HYMN #352 *Find a Stillness*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND SORROWS

This is an opportunity to share a significant, meaningful event that has touched your life. Please refrain from general announcements or politically partisan comments. When you come forward, please identify yourself and speak briefly from the heart.

Your joys and sorrows may also be honored in silence during the Music Meditation.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & SILENT MEDITATION

MUSIC MEDITATION *Whispering Hope* S. Winner, arr. J. Cook

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE #391 *Voice Still and Small*

Special thanks to all who helped with today's services, especially . . .

Music	UUCC Chalice Choir; The Chalice Singers; Michael Adock; Tom Benjamin
Audio	Ken Schaffer
Set-Up	Gail Guy
Flowers	John and Gail Guy
Ushers	Bill Ramsey, Janet Ramsey, Ken Stevens
Coffee	Melissa Affolter
Snacks	Karen Frisina, Wendy Ramsey
Cleanup	Sally Ann Cooper, Terry Paul, Regina Verow
Take Down	Gail Guy

Submissions for the Order of Service are due by **10:00 a.m. the Wednesday before each service**. Request announcements to be placed in the Order of Service by contacting '**Chon Cottman** at admin@uucolumbia.net. *Special* pulpit announcement requests should be emailed to **Maureen Harris**, Executive Director at executivedirector@uucolumbia.net by 10:00 a.m. the Wednesday before each service. **Edited streaming-audio recordings of each service are available on-line at the UUColumbia.net home page, generally one-two days following the service.**

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Service is at 10:00 am, unless otherwise noted

December 10 – On this morning when guests of our Warm Welcome Shelter are occupying most of our building's worship space, UUCC and Christ United Methodist Church will worship together in Sanctuary C, led by **Pastor Keith Loudermill** and the **Rev. Paige Getty**.

December 17 – "**Mary and Other Goddesses**", a music service led by Minister of Music, **Tom Benjamin**; Associate Director of Music, **Michael Adcock**; and the **Music Ministry of UUCC**.

December 24, 10am – Our annual Christmas Eve pageant service, featuring young actors from UUCC performing in "The Christmas Carol" – a version of the traditional Dickens story, adapted and directed by our very own Cristin von Schlag.

December 24, 7pm – A reflective Christmas Eve service of Candlelight and Carols, appropriate for all ages.

The Week Ahead at UUCC!

Dec 3	Sun	9:10 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:15 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Chalice Lights Choir Rehearsal Worship Service, RE classes & Nursery Care Coffee Hour Sunday Forum 1-Hr. Membership Session w/ Rev. Paige Mindfulness Workshop Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Pilates Class (also classes at 3pm & 4pm) Youth RE Classes Warm Welcome Shelter Volunteer Ed. Session
Dec 4	Mon	5:30 pm	Warm Welcome Shelter Begins
Dec 5	Tue	11:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Deep Listening Meditation Group Black Lives Matter Meeting Drum Circle Meditation Group
Dec 6	Wed	10:00 am 7:00 pm	TOPS Meeting Adult RE: Daring Democracy Book Group
Dec 7	Thur	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Social Action Council Meeting Chalice Choir Rehearsal
Dec 8	Fri	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Young(ish) Adult Game Night Martial Arts Turning Circle
Dec 9	Sat	11:00 am	Creativity Circle
Dec 10	Sun	9:10 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Chalice Lights Choir Rehearsal Worship Service, RE classes & Nursery Care Coffee Hour Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Black Lives Matter Monthly Vigil Youth RE Classes

What's Happening Today?!



PICK-A-GIFT TODAY – You can pick a gift (or gifts) to provide to the 8 families we are helping through the holidays. We have a wish list from each family and during the service Sunday baskets will be passed with a paper ornament and an item written on it. We will be collecting the items wrapped and labeled with the family number and the initials of the recipient on Sun. 12/17. We will provide grocery store gift cards and gifts for them to unwrap. Please plan to participate – it warms the heart to imagine a child receiving gifts when they might otherwise not. If you are not able to pick a gift to give families always ask for grocery store gift cards, Target, Walmart, etc.

HOLIDAY SEASON SCRIP GIFT CARDS – Looking for something to stuff those stockings, need ideas for tough names on your list, have teachers that need a little thanks, looking for something to include in a card, or want to help end food insecurity in our community and help someone in need? Check out the Holiday Season Scrip Gift Card selection. We have an expanded array of great choices just for this month. Place your order using the Order Form on the scrip table in the lobby **TODAY!**



WALK AND TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT – Join Frank Hazzard for a walk around Lake Elkhorn (approximately 2 miles) **starting this Sunday morning** after the first service. **Leave from Sanct. B approximately 20 minutes after the first service** and walk at the pace of the slowest in the group. You can help set the agenda. We can discuss anything that interests you.

HOLIDAY SUPPER FOR CONSUMERS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES will be held on **Sunday, December 17th, 3-5:30 pm at the Florence Bain Senior Center**, sponsored by NAMI and UCC. **Volunteers and Donations needed:** hams, casseroles, salads, rolls, desserts, setup, servers, carvers, cleanup, etc. Cash donations accepted for food and door prizes. **Harvey Zorbaugh** will be there to answer your questions and sign you up **TODAY after service in Sanct. B and on 12/10**. We expect 80 to 100 guests!



UCC's KARUNA MINISTRY is a lay team of trained pastoral caregivers who are available to serve you in times of transition, sorrow, illness, grief, celebration, or joy. If you would like to speak to a caregiver, contact us at:
karuna@uucolumbia.net or call **Candy Wachterman** at 443-802-6014.



WREATHS ARE IN! PICK-UP TODAY! Today, after service, please pick up your holiday greens downstairs in the office suite lobby! If you ordered holiday greens from us during the Quest Boston Trip Fundraiser in October, they are here to pick up! We can take cash, checks, and credit cards! If you cannot pick up your greens today, please contact Youth Director Jen Raffensperger (ydir@uucolumbia.net) to make other arrangements. If you did **NOT** order a wreath ahead of time, we do have a few "EXTRAS" in-stock for purchase! We will have a list of what's available downstairs – come down and check it out!

HOWARD COUNTY AGAST (ADVOCACY GROUP AGAINST SLAVERY & TRAFFICKING)

is collecting holiday gift bags for survivors of human trafficking. Please place 8 individually wrapped items into a holiday gift bag no larger than 12" high, 10" wide, 5" deep (the standard, medium-sized bag). Please mix and match your gifts from among the following groups. For many reasons, please *do not* include items that are *not* listed:



- Two or three warm, winter accessories: hat, gloves, scarf, headband, socks
- A small wallet, clutch, purse, coin purse, tote bag
- A simple jewelry item
- A scented soap or small bottle of shower gel
- A bath "pouf" sponge
- A small tube/bottle of hand or body cream or lotion (2-8 oz.)
- A lip balm or gloss
- Packaged snack items on the "healthy" side

You might also include a homemade or purchased greeting card, signed "Happy Holidays", or with your first name. Please contact Barbara Wright-Scott (bwrightscott@loyola.edu or 410-997-5892) to arrange to drop off your bag. **The donation deadline is Dec. 11th!** Thank you!



RECRUITING SOUND TEAM MEMBERS! Would you like to be one of the people behind the scenes making everyone sound great? Making the presenters feel heard and at ease that you have their needs met? Then the sound team is for you! Training is provided and you will usually only have to be accountable

for one service a month. Training is usually an hour to get familiar with the set up, help set up 2 morning services, then run the sound board a couple times and you would be all set. Please contact Richard Gates @ UUCCSOUND@gmail.com or 443-718-7087 if you are interested.

GIVE THE GIFT OF HELPING OTHERS!

The Food Insecurity Committee is busy collecting food for backpacks, our free pantry, and for those that need. We have made available at the Scrip Table holiday cards that you can give to everyone on your list. The holiday card indicates that you have given a gift in the recipient's honor to end food insecurity. Give any amount you want. This will make a wonderful gift particularly for the person that has everything. Ask at the scrip table for your holiday giving card.





UCC BOOKSTORE features gently used children's books **this Sunday**. Drop by and browse. We're also selling Elsa's jewelry, Inge's yarn necklaces and Erin's tie-dyed T-shirts. *Daring Democracy, Centering, and Testimony* are on the shelves.

SUNDAY FORUM – TODAY at 11:15 am in Room 213 – Why is it so hard to save for the future? House, a car, kids' education, medical/job emergency, retirement, legacy, etc. How can we make it easier? What does Behavioral Economics have to say about this? Richard Thaler received the 2017 Nobel Prize for his work on Behavioral Economics. This talk will apply the insights of his coauthored book, "Nudge," to the personal investment decisions individuals and families face, with the goal of laying out some personal strategies that can be used to increase our saving effectiveness.



The UCC Endowment Board (endowment@uucolumbia.net) is sponsoring this session because we feel that financially stronger families will lead to a financially sounder UCC, both in the short run and the long run, strengthening our ability to improve our world. The session will be presented by Charles "Scotty" Scott, Professor Emeritus of economics, Loyola University Maryland. Participants will be entered into a drawing for one of 8 copies of "Nudge" to be given away. Please contact Betsy Osterman (eo21045@gmail.com) with questions or comments about Sunday Forums.

Mindfulness Workshop

When?

Sunday December 3rd from 11:30am-1pm

Where?

The Owen Brown Interfaith Center
7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD
Room 150

What?

We will learn relaxation skills and discuss how to cope with holiday stress.

Presenters: Denise Katz, LCSW-C and Katie Powers, Clinical Intern
Facilitated by Anthony Jenkins, Assistant Minister

RSVP to Paula Nagy at paulamnagy@gmail.com

Sponsored by: Sheppard Pratt at Howard County, A Program of Way Station, Inc.
Outpatient Mental Health Clinic



ONE HOUR MEMBERSHIP SESSION WITH REV. PAIGE – TODAY at 11:30 am in the Chapel: Do you feel like you are ready to deepen your relationship with UUCC and are considering taking the formal step of becoming a member? Have you attended the “Get Connected” class or any portions of the class in the past year or two? Or maybe you have been a Friend of the Church for a while and are considering taking the step to membership? Come and spend an hour with Rev. Paige Getty! Rev. Paige will talk about the privileges and responsibilities of being a member of UUCC. After our talk, the membership book will be available to sign if you are ready. Looking forward to seeing you there!

INTERESTED IN TRYING PILATES? Enjoy a complimentary Pilates session with Pilates student Christina! Christina is working on completing her 35 hour training requirement and would love to practice with you. She is looking for 3-4 individuals per group class, and will be teaching three group classes **TODAY in Room 150 at 2, 3, and 4 pm.** Please bring your own yoga mat. Thanks!



PUERTO RICO BENEFIT CONCERT UPDATE: The benefit concert held on 11/25 was a huge success. Thank you for all that brought wonderful soup, delicious food, wine, helped set up and...attended. It was a really fun evening. If you would like to help with Puerto Rico relief efforts you can still donate by writing a check to UUCC and put 'Hurricane Maria Community Recovery Fund' in the memo section. We've currently raised over \$3,000!

THE WARM WELCOME SHELTER – From **Dec. 4th-11th**, the Warm Welcome Shelter will be open at our Interfaith Center. The shelter is a partnership with the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center to provide food, transportation, and a warm place to sleep for county residents who are homeless. During our shelter week, we will host up to 25 people, most likely including families and children. We have many volunteer openings and we need your help to fill them. Please do your part to make the shelter a success. You can sign up at <http://signup.com/go/dJgffjj> or by emailing danasoehr@gmail.com.



NAMETAGS:

- ☀ Please wear your nametag, especially during coffee hour!
- ☀ Nametags are stored in the new nametag cabinet in the back of the sanctuary. They are arranged alphabetically by last name.
- ☀ New nametags can be requested at the Welcome (Greeter) Tables, or by writing your name on the pad sitting on the top of the cabinet.

Upcoming Events!



DEEP LISTENING MEDITATION GROUP invites you to come together in silence **every Tues. at 11:30 am-12:30 pm in Room 150**. This group is for people who are starting a meditation practice, or are in practice or want to stay in practice. We will explore rich and diverse traditions of meditation in the first 15 minutes, followed by 30 minutes of silence and 15 minutes where we collectively hold a space of deep listening for those who choose to share personal reflections on the meditation experience. This group will be guided by Jean Joklik, a trained facilitator of Centering Prayer and a practitioner of many forms of meditation for the last 25 years. Questions? Contact jean@joklik.com.

DROP-IN DRUM CIRCLE – Try something new. Come join us at the UUCC sponsored drop-in drum circle! The next circle is **Tues., Dec. 5th from 7-8:30 pm**. We meet the **first Tuesday of each month**. This is a family friendly circle with all ages and levels of experience very welcome. The facilitator Nellie Hill provides instruments or you can bring your own. We always have a wonderful time and something new happens every month. A free will offering is requested to help maintain the instruments. Invite your friends. Join us for a joyful experience!



Book Group

DARING DEMOCRACY BOOK GROUP – Wed., Dec. 6th from 7-8:30 pm: Join Glennor Shirley to discuss the UUA's 2017-2018 common read, *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want*, by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen, (Beacon Press, 2017) lifts up the importance of democracy itself. It examines the anti-democracy movement that has led to the Trump presidency, then offers a vision and call to action to save our democracy and to take our civic life to a place it has never been. *Daring Democracy* is available in the UUCC Bookstore, or from the UUA bookstore, or through Amazon. Pre-registration is required at <http://tinyurl.com/UUCC-AdultREd>). For more information, email Glennor Shirley. (glennorloy@gmail.com)

BLACK LIVES MATTER VIGIL – Join us for our regular 2nd Sunday Black Lives Matter Vigil **on Dec. 10th from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm** at **Columbia Mall, at the intersection of Governor Warfield Pkwy. & Windstream Dr.** Stand up for justice in a world that still shows us every day that Black lives matter less than other lives.

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

1,500 mass shootings
since Sandy Hook.
This is a moral travesty.
Faith leaders must
rise up to be
seen and heard.

FAITH WITNESS at NRA HEADQUARTERS (11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030) on **Thurs., Dec. 14th from 10 am to Noon.** Rev. Paige Getty invites UUCC members to join her at this [faith witness](#) on the fifth anniversary of the shooting massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

THE ONE WORLD COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS BOB SIMA on **Sat., Dec. 16th at 7 pm** – Bob Sima has a melody and message that guides listeners to expanded consciousness. Sima is a dynamic singer-songwriter, performer, storyteller, servant of humanity, creative collaborator and "Transformational Troubadour" – often weaving all of these elements into a single performance. Tickets will be \$20 at the door or \$15 in advance at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3113838>



ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON on **Thurs., Dec. 21st at Noon at OBIC** – Save the date!! The Annual Holiday Luncheon, hosted by the Men's Group & the Women's Group invites the UUCC Staff and OBIC Staff as our guests. Others are asked to either bring a side dish or a dessert to share (enough for 6-8 people) OR make a voluntary donation of \$8 per person. For more information please contact Jim at jimdessert@gmail.com/443-812-2148, Kathy at kathynjim@gmail.com/443-813-2159 or Andrea at anjo773@verizon.net/443-980-9871.



CALLING ALL UUCC WOMEN! Please join us for a mini women's retreat on **Sat., Jan. 6th, 2018 from 1-9 pm** at OBIC. We will gather in various rooms for workshops to connect with each other, develop our spiritual selves, and just have fun! Be on the lookout for a registration notice in the next couple weeks. Do you have a workshop to offer? If so, please email us ASAP at womensretreat@uucolumbia.net so we can add it to our agenda! This is a cooperative venture, so we need your involvement! This is a one-day, low cost, local event. We're also planning a weekend retreat at Camp Wabanna next fall.

NEW ADULT RE SERIES: THE NEW UU – Tues., Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6; 7-8:30 pm – The New UU is for adults of all ages and life stages who are new to Unitarian Universalism. Ideally, you will have attended UUCC at least a few times. Workshops include Theology and Worship; Where Do We Come From? Unitarian Universalist Roots; How We Grow in Faith: Philosophy of Religious Education; Social Justice Philosophy and Practice; and How Are Decisions Made? Governance and Polity. Facilitators include staff members Rev. Anthony, Rev. Paige, Robin, Jen, and Maureen. Pre-registration is requested: <http://tinyurl.com/UUCC-AdultREd>



Things to Remember!

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