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## Minister's Message

*Written by Rev. Amy Williams Clark*

**Happy New Year! As the new year approaches, many of us are thinking of resolutions that we may want to make and achieve. Though we begin with determination, resolutions in my experience often go by the way side leaving only recriminations of resolutions unfulfilled.**

Perhaps a better term is Intentions - what are our intentions, the best of ourselves that we want to fulfill. An intention is in line not with changing ourselves, but becoming the best of ourselves. Intentions are our values - what do you value that you want to deepen in the new year? Where are your growing edges that you want to cultivate? Intentions are all about values and becoming our best selves.

In this new year, we will be studying the values of Unitarian Universalism as expressed in Article 2 of the association's bylaws. This is where our principles find their home. Our principles are living principles; they have never been static or the same, they have changed over time. They are not a creed, so they must change from time to time. Though they have been examined many times, the UU principles have not changed since 1986 when the 7th principle was added.

“ Intentions are all about values and becoming our best selves. ”



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As time has progressed and the 8th principle has been passed in many, but not all congregations, it has become clear that UU's needed to examine what we believe. After thousands of conversations with laity (those at the 2018 GA probably remember the small group discussions), ministers, congregations, and UU theologians, changes have been proposed and a sense of who we are and what we value came to the forefront.

It became clear that our central value is Love as the power which holds us together, and from this core value all other values emerged. These include Interdependence, Justice, Transformation, Equity, and Generosity. In the coming months we will be exploring these values and how they are expressed in Article 2. This study is in preparation for the vote at GA 2024 to vote up or down these values and expression of who we are.

May you have a wonderful new year!

Rev Amy



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

*Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.*

**RSULEIKA JAOUAD**

*Whenever I hear someone I love being hard on themselves—whether referring to something they did, how they look, or a habit they can't kick—I have a little rejoinder. I always say, "Don't talk about my friend like that."*

**REV. JEN CROW**

*Love can work its way into improbable and impossible situations. Like water over stone, it has the potential to wear down our suffering, create new pathways of possibility, and support life in inhospitable terrain... Love keeps us company, settling in beside the unlikely good or the unlikely bad that comes our way.*

# President's Message

Written by Pres. Becky Zimmerman

**Happy New Year! If you remember my December article in the Companion (it's okay if you don't), I said I was going to talk about communication this month. Some other things are more urgently on my mind as I'm writing this, so...more on communication later, I promise!**

**If you haven't done so lately, take a moment *right now* and reflect on what this congregation and spiritual community mean to you. I'll wait...**

I hope you thought of some positive things about CUU that you are grateful for!

One thing that happened in 2023 made me profoundly grateful for a place like Cedarhurst. During a wonderful visit from our friend Ed in June, we learned that he had been almost bodily thrown out of his Church of England parish in Cambridge. Why? Because he was transgender. His parish priest told him he was no longer welcome, and to stay away from the building. Our hearts broke for our friend. I felt both sad and angry, and at the same time realized, again, how important it is for this place we call Cedarhurst to continue to grow and thrive.

The Board continues our work of prioritizing repair and renovation projects for our building. Special thanks to Steve Hirsh for scheduling (now completed) repair and maintenance of our heating system for both upstairs and downstairs. Next on the list is repairs to the boiler room downstairs. Then we will be looking at bigger projects.

As Rev Amy said in her article, we will be examining **Article 2** during the winter and spring of 2024, as will UU congregations across North America. I will be learning right along with you. What I do know is that a tremendous amount of work, over several years and involving a large number of people (not just UUA leaders) went into this proposed bylaws amendment, and I personally believe that our faith must evolve as society changes and as national and world events and trends demand. But we will be deciding *as a congregation* whether or not we think Article 2 should be adopted at the online UUA General Assembly in June.



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"...Article 2, it is the culmination of many years of discussion, study, work, sweat, and probably at some point tears, on the part of an appointed commission of UU's."

In RE (Religious Education) news, three representatives of CUU (myself, Jan Pennington, and Sherry Dean) are in conversation with three members of Channing Memorial Church, a UU congregation in Ellicott City, about the possibility of sharing a Religious Education Coordinator. This is still in the early stages, but we have come up with a first draft of a job description. Stay tuned!

Also related to the above, Lenore Bajare-Dukes, our primary contact from the UUA and a skilled group facilitator (also a delightful person who has already met with our Board) will be with us on **Sunday, February 4** for the service, and then to conduct a 2-3 hour workshop with us beginning at 12:00 noon. I highly encourage you to attend – this is an opportunity to share your hopes and dreams for CUU, and we'll also talk about our soon-to-be-a-reality Religious Education program.

Wishing you peace, good health, meaningful friendships, and fulfillment in 2024!

### *Quotes Selected by the Board President*

#### **FROM THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST POCKET GUIDE**

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"Too often in this world, religion has been the agent of division and fear. Unitarian Universalism seeks to heal a fractured world and the broken lives within it by calling every one of us to the best that is in us. Beyond nationalism and ethnic prejudice, beyond materialism and greed, beyond the petty and the shallow - we invoke a global loyalty, an ecological ethic, and a deeper mercy."

*William F. Schulz*

"This is what I have learned: For each time I don't reach out to someone who might join this faith, for each time I hesitate to be hospitable...I may be leaving someone's life poorer than it might be."

*Kay Montgomery*

# HAVING FUN AT OUR CUU EVENTS



**Beth Schilpp and Pamela Malkin at the Train Garden outing. Great fun. Loved the replica of the Inner Harbor along with many other themed areas**

**Sharon Kennedy, Sue Horn and Beth Schilpp created lots of Gnomes Saturday, at one of the auction events.**



# SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR CUU AUCTION EVENTS

LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO IN THE COMING MONTHS?

THERE ARE MANY AUCTION EVENTS THAT STILL HAVE AVAILABLE SPACES.

CHECK OUT THE EVENTS BELOW AND CONTACT LINDA JOY AT [LINDA.JOY@VERIZON.NET](mailto:LINDA.JOY@VERIZON.NET) OR TERRI DON EBAUGH AT [TERRIDONEBAUGH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TERRIDONEBAUGH@GMAIL.COM) IF YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND!

Donor	Event	Event Date	Donation	Spaces open
Night-by-Night Shelter Cooks and Shoppers	The Taste of Home	02/24/24	\$20	20
Beth Blevins and Becky Zimmerman	Dance Party!	03/02/24	\$20	12
Sherry & Rich Dean	Toby's Dinner Theater	03/22/24	\$60	1
Gerald Galuardi and Barb Bradley	An Afternoon of Live Music and Refreshments	04/07/24	\$25	25
Dave Joy	Pool Party (clothing optional)	07/06/24	\$35	9
Linda & Dave Joy	Pool Party (clothing required)	07/20/24	\$35	4
Sherry Dean	Girls Overnight at the Georgetown River House in Kent County	09/14/24	\$50	1

# JANUARY EVENTS

## **LADIES WHO LUNCH** every Wednesday at noon on Zoom

LADIES WHO LUNCH is a social Zoom gathering that is open to ANY woman who is a member or friend of CUU. We invite you to drop in any Wednesday between 12:00-1:00 pm. Whether you have 10 minutes to spare, or the full hour, you are welcome here!

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



## **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Monday, January 9th at 5:30pm on Zoom

Please Zoom in if you are or have been the physical or emotional caretaker for a loved one. We have no experts - this is just a place to share your issues and experiences.

Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 with any questions.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Board meetings are open to all unless otherwise noted.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar.



# JANUARY EVENTS

## CUU VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 12th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Zoom in to play games with CUU friends! We usually play Tribond, Taboo, or Scattergories, but are always open to new ideas. We do not keep score - just have a lot of fun! Contact Beth Schilpp with questions.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



## CUU BOOK CLUB

Sunday, January 14th at noon on Zoom

January's book is a young adult memoir called *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski.

This inspirational New York Times bestseller chronicles the lifelong friendship between a busy sales executive and a disadvantaged young boy, and how both of their lives were changed by what began as one small gesture of kindness. A straightforward tale of kindness and paying it forward in 1980s New York....an uplifting reminder that small gestures matter-Kirkus Reviews. (Goodreads)



February: *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune

March: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky

We'd love to have new folks participating in this group. Call Beth Schilpp with questions.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.





# JANUARY EVENTS

## **MONDAY MUSINGS** Monday, January 15th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Rev Amy facilitates discussions based on quotes from the UUA on the theme of the month. The January theme is Liberating Love. All are welcome to join; no preparation needed.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



## **LUNCH AT MAGGIE'S** Tuesday, January 16th at noon

Enjoy lunch with CUU friends at Maggie's located at 319 Green St. Westminster 21157.

We need to make reservations, so please call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304 by noon on January 15th if you can attend or if you have any questions. Hope you can make it.



## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00pm on Zoom

Interested in helping to create the Sunday worship services? Then this is the committee for you! All are welcome.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



# JANUARY EVENTS

## **NIGHT-BY-NIGHT: FOOD PROGRAM** Friday, January 19th at 6:15pm

Every third Friday of the month we provide dinner for approximately 30 homeless in Carroll County, a community service CUU has provided for over ten years.

Interested in helping provide food or drinks? Contact Pamela Malkin at 410-857-5071.



## **DRINKS AND DESSERT** Friday, January 26th at 7:00pm on Zoom

This is our no agenda social time – come with or without drinks and dessert to chat and enjoy each other. Maybe share your holiday stories or whatever you wish.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



## **Just For The Heck of It Pot Luck Dinner at CUU** Saturday, January 27th at 5:00pm

Bring a dish to share and any of your family and friends who would like to come. After dinner and some chit chat, we will have in person game playing. SO, in addition to a dish, please any games that you enjoy playing. We usually do not put a lot of emphasis on scoring – more on just having fun. Since the weather is iffy in January, we will have February 3rd as the snow day. If the weather makes you unsure if we are having dinner on the 27th, call Pamela Malkin at 410-857-5071 to check.

Hoping we will have a good crowd.

# JANUARY EVENTS

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, January 28th at noon  
on Zoom

The Congregational Life Committee sponsors a variety of activities for friends and members of the congregation. Some events remain on Zoom, while others are in-person. Check the "CUUpdate" weekly announcements or the CUU website calendar for details. The committee meets on Zoom on the 4th Sunday of the month at noon and anyone is welcome to attend.

Follow Zoom link on CUU Calendar to join.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Visionary Arts Museum

We'll meet at CUU at 10am to carpool to the museum which is near the inner harbor. It usually exhibits the works of untrained artists - maybe folk art. It is a very interesting and different experience.

Adults are \$15.95 and Seniors 60+ are \$13.95.  
The museum also has a restaurant.  
Call Beth Schilpp at 443-904-1304

Thursday, February 15th at  
10:00am for Coffee Hour





# CONTACT

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Office Hours***

***On-line Only  
Wednesdays  
4:00-6:00pm***

*Rev. Amy's office hours  
for winter will continue  
on Wednesdays, on-line  
only, beginning January  
2024.*

*Rev. Amy is always  
available for urgent  
pastoral matters and  
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 4pm Rev Amy's Office Hours	4	5	6	7 10:30am Sunday Service
8	9 5:30pm Caregivers Support Group	10 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 4pm Rev Amy's Office Hours 7pm Board of Trustees Mtg	11	12 7pm CUU Virtual Game Night	13	14 10:30am Sunday Service 12pm Book Club
15 7pm Monday Musings	16 12pm Lunch at Maggie's 7pm Worship Committee Meeting	17 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 4pm Rev Amy's Ofc Hours	18	19 6:15pm Night-by-Night Shelter Dinner	20	21 10:30am Sunday Service
22	23	24 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 4pm Rev Amy's Office Hours	25	26 7pm Drinks & Dessert	27	28 10:30am Sunday Service 12pm Congregational Life Committee Meeting
29	30	31 12pm Ladies Who Lunch 4pm Rev Amy's Office Hours				