



# Newsletter

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton

November 2008

## Sermons

### Remembering Olympia Brown

**Nov. 2**

Whatever the outcome of the votes on Tuesday, we can celebrate the right of every adult to vote. It was not always thus. Come hear the story of an inspiring Universalist minister, one of the first women to be ordained by any denomination, who out of her belief in the inherent worth of all, worked tirelessly for universal suffrage at the beginning of the twentieth century. Let's consider how we can follow her passion for justice in our twenty-first century. Rev. Paula Maiorano

**Nov. 9, On Trust**

Resiliency after experiences of loss, betrayal, or evil comes more naturally to some than others. But for all of us, our responsibility lies in finding our way back to trust and faith in life. Rev. Paula Maiorano

**Nov. 16, The Place Where We Meet is Holy Ground**

Where is it that we meet? Is it the building? Is it the land the building is on? What is "holy" about it? One way in which we meet is by sharing our stories with each other. John Turner explains that this tells us a lot about ourselves and also about Unitarian Universalism. And a whole lot more.

**Nov. 23, A Theology of Gratitude**

A theology and practice of gratitude helps us to be less restless for that something more, more, more, and focused instead on what matters most. Rev. Paula Maiorano

**Nov. 30, On Living Life More Simply**

A culture of consumerism and competing demands on our time sometimes make our lives veer off course and away from our true values. Rita Barker, Sandra Henry-Stocker, and Sally Woodall will share their perspectives on making choices to live with less and to use time in more meaningful ways.

### REGARDING THE WORSHIP SERVICE MULTILOG

Because a majority of people love the Multilog, and a significant minority doesn't enjoy it at all, the Worship Committee has left the decision on whether or not to offer a Multilog to the Service Leader, asking that it be used when it seems to fit the topic or theme of the service. This way, we will sometimes have a multilog, and other times not. We are hoping that it will be a vital engagement of all members when it is offered. Closing Words and "Spirit of Life" will continue to follow the close of the Multilog. If anyone is interested in facilitating a smaller discussion group following the service, please contact Nancy Orr or Paula Maiorano.

Sunday Service and School  
10:00 a.m.  
7401 Ocean Gateway

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The calendar, current and past UUFE Newsletters, can be viewed and printed from our web site [www.uufeaston.org](http://www.uufeaston.org).

### Thanksgiving TAFL Service

The Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity has announced that its annual interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held on Sunday, November 23, 7:00 pm at Temple B'Nai Israel. Rev. Paula Maiorano has been invited to participate and the event promises to be well attended by many civic and religious leaders. A worthwhile event to attend!



## Religious Education

### Calendar Events

- Nov. 2 Sikhism
- Nov. 9 Native American – Hopi
- Nov. 16 Native American – Miwok
- Nov. 23 Native American – Huichol
- Nov. 30 Wampanoag Thanksgiving

### Nov. Religious Education Needs

No donations needed this month

### Our Program

We completed our study of Judaism in October with the celebration of Sukkot and the building of a Sukkah in our side yard. Miss Ellie provided the materials and children of all ages completed the structure. What a great time! We also spent a day on Jainism – a lesser known religion to many of us but one that celebrates life and values non-violence. Our grand finale in October was the “The Lion King” service which we hope was enjoyed by all.

In November we will cover Sikhism as well as three different Native American tribes and the religious traditions they follow. The three tribes are the Hopi, the Miwok, and the Huichol. We end this month with a Wampanoag Thanksgiving as we give thanks for what we are blessed with in our lives.

### “Something to Think About”

Today we tell our children, “When you make a choice, you change the future.”

We agree to do the following things with them:

1. Talk about some choice they made today,
2. Show them how our future was changed by a past choice we made,
3. Explain right and wrong in terms of how choices feel.

– from “*The Seven Spiritual Laws for Parents*” by Deepak Chopra.

See you Sunday! *Liz Hausburg, CRE*

## Ministerial Thoughts

### From Paula’s Pen - On the Unitarian Universalist Ordained Ministry - Part II

To understand the role of the minister in a Unitarian Universalist Congregation, we need to first consider why we are in a congregation. Fellowship, connection, affirmation of our religious beliefs, religious education and personal growth for self and families, and a way to join with a larger community for social justice work and civic improvement are among the many reasons expressed. So too is that something more we call our reason and spirituality. We want intellectual stimulation and greater spiritual awareness.

A congregation is unique. It’s not family and yet it is closest to family as a living organism. It is not a community service organization, yet we can function as one. It is not an educational institution, and yet education is incredibly important to it. It is not a psychotherapy office, yet psychological well-being is its concern. It is not a seminary, yet its mission is to ministry. I could continue, but I think I’ve said enough to illustrate that a congregation, whether we call it a fellowship, church, or religious society is not like anything else, and yet is closest to the dearest institutions of our hearts.

The role of a minister is to help us be the community that is all of the above and more-- in a loving way that expresses peaceful right relations, real authenticity, diversity of individuals and beliefs, and the creative expression of life. The role of the minister is to help us navigate through our conflicts, which are inevitable, and to help us find our best selves in all circumstances.

Obviously, no one minister, or any other one person can achieve all this alone. So it is the role of the minister to join a congregation, enter into relationship with its people and their larger community, to become one of them and one with them, in order to both lead and empower leadership from and participation among the members.

So an effective minister depends upon an engaged and committed membership willing to work with the minister on behalf of the Fellowship.

While the Search Committee does its work to seek a settled minister for the Easton Fellowship, it is important that each member does his/her work in discerning how best to be a part of the ministry of the congregation, and to collaborate with the minister and other elected leadership for the fulfillment of the mission and covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton.

*Paula*

### Interim Committee on Ministry

Nancy Dimond is chairing a newly formed Interim Committee on Ministry with Paula Maiorano, Don Barker, and Sue Loweree. The Committee has drafted a Statement of Purpose for the Board to review. Watch for more details next month.

### Former Lily Pad owner and UUFE member now Denton's Main Street manager



As Main Street Manager, Ann Jacobs will work with various boards of directors and volunteer committees to implement the National Historic Trust's four-point program to revitalize Denton, a designated historic town. The National Trust for Historic Preservation was created in 1944 by legislation signed into law by Harry Truman. For more information go to [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org). Congratulations, Ann, for contributing to your community!

**AN UPDATE:  
CREATING A CULTURE OF REVERENCE DURING OUR  
WORSHIP TIME**

**QUIET SANCTUARY**

Attendees are respecting the request from the Worship Committee for fifteen minutes of quiet time in the sanctuary for those desirous of meditation and reflection prior to service. Those wanting to socialize are able to enjoy each other in the Emerson and Archer Shee Rooms, Office, or Foyer. An unexpected consequence is that currently it is difficult to get people to enter the sanctuary before the start of worship. So we're adding a "Call to Worship Bell" which the usher will ring in the foyer a couple of minutes before worship starts. Please help the Worship Committee and listen for the bell, quietly entering the sanctuary as soon as it rings. Thanks.

**FOR LATECOMERS**

Arriving late? Not to worry. The usher will direct you to seating during the Opening Hymn, Reading of the Covenant, and Congregational Greeting, then once again as we sing the Children out of the Sanctuary, and during Announcements. We request that latecomers respect the ushers request to wait in the foyer during the Prelude, Chalice Lighting, Opening Words, and Thoughts for All Ages, so as not to disturb the musicians, choir, and service leaders.

Thank you for assisting the Committee in its work to create a culture of reverence for worship.

**Board News**

**Oct. Meeting Notes**

**Fellowship Archives**

Barbara Doughty reported the results of her organization of the records of the Fellowship from the 1960s to the present. They are stored in the bookcase in the office so that past records will be easier to locate.

**Annual Stewardship Committee**

Co-chairs, Janet Pfeffer and Joanie Baynard presented preliminary plans. The first meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th at 5:30pm.

**Radio Advertisements**

Advertisements for Sunday Services at Uufe are currently being aired three times each week during morning and afternoon rush hours. These ads are on a trial basis and can be heard on NPR Public Radio Delmarva station WSCL 89.5 FM.

**Sanctuary Acoustics**

Further improvement is needed. Before spending funds for a permanent solution, the Board has endorsed, as an experiment, the temporary placement of large fabric hangings on the side walls.

**Board Agendas**

Agendas will be posted on the office bulletin board approximately one week prior to each Board of Trustees meeting. Meetings occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

*Jane Terebey*

**President's Corner**

**In Times of Turmoil**

**W**e are surrounded by uncertainty. We worry about the depressed state of our economy, the future of our country, and what is in store for us. At times like these, we need to focus on the bright spots in our lives. I like the sentiment expressed in this poem.

*Dick Doughty*

**BARTER**

By Sarah Teasdale

(Winner of the 1918 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry)

"Life has loveliness to sell,  
All beautiful and splendid things,  
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,  
Soaring fire that sways and sings,  
And children's faces looking up  
Holding wonder like a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell  
Music like a curve of gold,  
Scent of pine trees in the rain,  
Eyes that love you, arms that hold,  
And for your spirit's still delight,  
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,  
Buy it and never count the cost;  
For one white singing hour of peace  
Count many a year of strife well lost,  
And for a breath of ecstasy  
Give all you have been, or could be."



**Unusual, Creative, and  
Downright Fun!**

Do you sing or play an instrument? Uufe is organizing ad hoc musical ensembles --- groups of 2-3 singers and an instrument or two to perform at our services. If you love to sing, but shy away from solos or if you play an instrument, but don't want to be the sole focus of a performance, e-mail Sandra Henry-Stocker at [bugfarm@gmail.com](mailto:bugfarm@gmail.com). We'll pull together some musical ensembles.

## Member Services

### Member Services Committee

The next meeting of the committee is Wednesday, November 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fellowship.

### UUFEE Family Thanksgiving Feast

A UUFEE tradition of having a pot luck dinner on Thanksgiving Day will continue this year at Suzanne and Jonathan Clarke's home, 127 Miles Lane in St. Michaels at 1:00 p.m. Suzanne and Lisa Menditch are organizing this event and John Terebey has offered to roast the biggest turkey he can find. To participate, please RSVP to Lisa 410 745-6563 to indicate your wish to attend, what you would like to contribute to the feast and to get directions. Transportation can be arranged for anyone unable to get to St. Michaels.



### Search Committee Update

#### BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING

Our worship service and workshop on October 5 were led by UUA facilitators Jerry Carden and Wendy Pantoja. Their powerful personal stories increased our understanding and opened our hearts to the searing hurts and injustices that result from labeling individuals by categories.

It was gratifying that 40 of us participated in the workshop following the service. Those attending played an important part in our search process for calling a new minister. Together we explored the ways that thinking categorically about people can get in the way of choosing the best candidate for our congregation. We faced issues of race and ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity, and disability. We were challenged to uncover our personal biases and also those that we perceive in the wider community. In small groups and large, we held open, searching, and respectful discussions of our feelings and hopes.

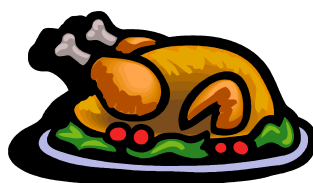
Nancy Orr

## Gatherings

**Men's Lunch, Wednesdays, Nov. 5 and 19:** The Airport cafe isn't Duffy's Tavern but a bunch of the elite meet to eat at about 11:30 on first and third Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome, not just old fogeys who remember old time radio.

**First Friday Youth Night, Nov. 7:** All kids (and friends) 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up are welcome to join us for an evening of dinner and fun. "Make your own pizza" is on the menu and Miss Liz has planned activities based on your suggestions last month. Contact Colleen Ronning (410 770-3843) for questions and so we will know how many plan to attend.

**Women's Lunch, Thursday, Nov. 13, Noon:** We're off to Denton and the Lily Pad Restaurant, 104 S. 2nd Street. After going over the Choptank River Bridge, as you enter town, keep right at the fork and go up the hill on Franklin. The restaurant is at the end of the first block on your right, behind the garden on the corner. Let Edie Swallow (410-745-5170) know if you can join us so she can make reservations and if you would like to carpool from the Fellowship.



**UUFEE Thanksgiving Feast, Thur. Nov. 27:** Read more about this gathering in the left hand column of this page under Member Services.

**Yuletide Sales and Crafts, Saturday, Nov. 29: 10 am to 2 pm.** All cooks and crafty folks are called upon to help make this event a success. The Fundraising Committee is planning this second annual event and plans to have crafts for all ages, wreath making, hot soup and fresh bread for lunch, baked goods and items for holiday shopping. We need your talent. Some fresh baked bread or treats? A holiday decoration that you like to make? A hobby that creates items to sell? And we will gladly accept yard sale type items for the White Elephant table. Contact Colleen Ronning, 410 770-3843

**The Book Group:** We will not meet in November or December because the 4th Thursdays are Thanksgiving and Christmas. Therefore, the next meeting will be January 22, 2009. The book we have chosen is *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski. Gail has offered to order this book through the UUA book site. *Joanie Baynard*

### ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - STARTING NEXT MONTH Interpreting the Christian Birth Stories Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17 from 7 to 9 PM

In the Christian Gospels, only Mathew and Luke recorded the birth stories of Jesus. The Christmas story we have come to know is an amalgamation of both. These three sessions will help us separate them and consider what the authors may have intended, and if the stories serve a contemporary purpose for Unitarian Universalists. Leader, Rev. Paula Maiorano

**World Religions:** A Course in World Religions will be offered in the second half of the Fellowship's year. Watch for more details in the December newsletter.

**Building Your Own Theology:** This Spring 08 course was so popular it had a significant waiting list. We would like to offer it again, but will need facilitators to do so. If you have an interest in becoming one of the facilitators, please contact the Fellowship Office or Paula Maiorano.

## Social Action

### UUFE's Environmental Task Force

The fellowship's climate discussion group, which generally meets after service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, is now a task force of the Social Action Committee. As such, the task force will tackle projects such as the Green Sanctuary program and will act as local representatives for various UUA environmental initiatives.

### ESCAN

The recently formed Eastern Shore Climate Action Network (ESCAN) meets monthly at UUFE and helped organize and promote a Green Jobs Now event at Spocott Mill on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Speakers included congressional candidate Frank Kratovil and Cambridge's new mayor, Victoria Jackson-Stanley, along with representatives from several green energy companies. Special thanks to Jane Hawkey, Ken Court, and Eric Stocker for their extra efforts in making the event a success. UUFE was well represented both in setting up and attending this event. Nationally, nearly 700 communities and more than 50,000 people have joined the Green Jobs NOW campaign.

### UUs at DC Green Festival this month!

November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will see a "late season greening" in Washington D.C. as more than 350 eco-friendly vendors and more than 125 renowned speakers bring the DC Green Festival to life. If you have any photos of yourself and/or other UUs participating in green activities – planting trees, recycling, or lobbying for the environment, please send them to Ed Butterworth, [edgraying-dog@yahoo.com](mailto:edgraying-dog@yahoo.com), for use at the UUSJ (UU Social Justice) booth.

### Interfaith Social Action Coalition

Mariann Stackpole, a member of this group, is working with local Girl Scouts and other churches to provide winter clothing to the Neighborhood Services Center. In November the Center will give out the clothing they have received to those in need. Donations of coats, boots, mittens, hats, and heavy sweaters in good condition for ages infant through adult will be appreciated.

If you have clothing to donate, please call Mariann at 410-770-5742. She will sort the clothes by gender and size and take them to the NSC. Mariann would appreciate having them by the first week of November.

### Interfaith Hunger Coalition

Thanksgiving dinners will be provided on Thanksgiving day at 10:00. Food donations have already been assigned, but help is needed to assemble the meals and deliver them. If you are able to help, contact Mary Young (410 819-0050) or Lisa Menditch (410 745-6563).

### Anti-Slots Campaign - Down to the Wire

At the time of this writing, mid-October, the outcome of the battle over the referendum legalizing slots in Maryland remains uncertain. Pro-slots gambling and horse racing interests have thrown \$3.8 million onto the scales, out-raising opponents by 9:1. Opponents, however, can still defeat the referendum by getting out the "No" vote. The consequence of relying on slot machine gambling to finance education and balance Maryland's budget needs to be emphasized. At the 2008 Annual Meeting, May 18, UUFE adopted a resolution opposing legalizing slot machines in Maryland. We may be small but every one of our votes count! Take advantage of materials on the STOP SLOTS table in the foyer to educate yourself and your friends on the importance of voting "No" on Question 2 on the November ballot.

*SMILE - It will make people wonder what you're up to. (Amish humor)*

## Small Group Ministry (SGM) Comes to UUFE

SGM, known in some congregations as Covenant Groups or Chalice Circles, is coming to UUFE. The purpose of SGM is to provide an opportunity for the development of intimacy and ultimacy. The goal is to help people feel a greater sense of community and a chance to explore topics of ultimate importance.

Small groups of 8 to 10 participants generally meet twice a month and are often sustained a year or more. Expectations are consistent attendance, demonstrating commitment to the group.

Those who wish to sample SGM may attend a sample session following the November 16<sup>th</sup> service. Lunch will be provided and the session will last until approximately 1:15. A sign-up sheet is posted in the office. To allow for an authentic experience, only 10 people will be admitted to this group but a waiting list will be available for those who would like to participate in the next SGM Sampler session.

*Ann Davis*

### Check It Out

*Love & Death My journey through the Valley of the Shadow* by Rev. Forrest Church is in the "New Acquisitions" box in the office. "Forrest Church, a deeply spiritual but always practical visionary, is a minister to us all with this moving and instructive book on the lessons of love and death. A lovely, important book." -- Tom Brokaw

*Marian, the Librarian*

## Ongoing Fundraising Year Round

### The Bazaar

On the Second Sunday of the month bring your gently 'pre-owned' clothing to the Fellowship and Joanie Baynard will prepare them for sale at The Bazaar (the Hospital Commission shop). We make 50% of the selling price.

### Amazon Reminder:

For all your holiday purchases from Amazon, log onto their website through the link on [www.uufeaston.org](http://www.uufeaston.org) (under resources). UUFE receives 4% of the total sales from this link at no extra cost to you!

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(Deadline for the December UUFU Newsletter is November 15)



Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. - 7401 Ocean Gateway



## LOOKING AHEAD!



[www.uufu-easton.org](http://www.uufu-easton.org)

### Intergenerational Ornament Making & Tree Lighting - Sat., December 13

An intergenerational gathering will meet at 4:00 pm to string lights on the Fellowship tree and make ornaments to 'sell' at service on Sunday, December 14.

Proceeds will benefit *Heifer International*.



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