

UUtopia

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Salisbury

July 2009

"Home of Liberal Religion on the Eastern Shore"

Sunday Summer Discussions

Please join us at 11:00 AM

July 5 – *What Muslims believe about the Virgin Mary* by Anisa Gharbi

July 12 – *Combining Food for a Better Life* by Marji

July 19 – *Practical solutions to going green in your home and back yard* by Trish Greene

July 26 – John Wright

Plate Donations

Each Sunday's donations made to the basket will benefit the organization or program listed here.

Jul 5	UUFS - MINISTERIAL FUND
Jul 12	Habitat for Humanity (Salisbury)
Jul 19	Southern Poverty Law Center
Jul 26	Soup Kitchen

Thank you!

Your generous donations supported the following organizations.

May 3	\$195.00 UUFS - Ministerial Fund
May 10	\$39.00 MAC(Salisbury)
May 17	\$123.00 Life Crisis(Salisbury)
May 24	(No Collection-Picnic)
May 31	\$54.00 Christian Shelter(Salisbury)

Minister's Musings

John Wright, M.Div. Minister minister@uufs.net

Dear Ones:

Have you noticed all the excitement and wonderful things going on at UUFS? As I write this, the painting in the fellowship room is nearly complete, the new flooring in the RE rooms upstairs is in, and I think I've found the perfect desk for the office. The new carpeting in the fellowship room will be going in soon, and the transformation will be amazing. How absolutely wonderful is that feeling of being "on the move"!

On another front, our "new and improved" website is up and running. The Website Committee has been hard at work, and I think the results are tremendously impressive. The site is easy to negotiate, user friendly, attractive, and actually has up-to-date information on it. It is a website of which we can all be very proud- most especially those wonderful folks who worked on it. Last week I posted my first "live" posting directly to the website. It was a heady experience.

And, I have to admit, a pretty daunting task, as well.

As Ben Parker (Spiderman's Uncle) said so eloquently, "With great freedom comes great responsibility" It wasn't hard to actually put the listing on the website- our Website Committee has made that mercifully easy. What was daunting about it was the realization that this website is our public face. It is the first place many people go when investigating our Fellowship. What that means to me is that I want to be very careful that we "put our best foot forward."

I don't know if you've noticed, but UU's can be a bit...opinionated. (I know that comes as a surprise to some of you!). And for me, that's part of our charm. I love the back-and-forth, give-and-take of open and direct conversation.

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But I also don't believe that the UUFS website is an appropriate forum for writing "whatever we want". There are blogs and Facebook and any number of other sites where our every thought can be recorded for posterity. I would rather we err on the side of restraint and caution in whatever we post, rather than risking the possibility of giving our public face a black eye.

E-mails and blogging are too often misinterpreted and too easily misunderstood. My suggestion would be that if you are thinking of posting anything to the website, do so carefully. Have someone else review your words. Give it a day or two to "perk," and then come back to it and decide if what you're saying is REALLY what you meant to say and how you wanted to say it. Would it be helpful or hurtful to our public image? Would a complete stranger to Unitarian Universalism want to read your post? Would you want that stranger to read it? If not, perhaps you should consider not posting it to the website, but rather choose some other way of expressing yourself.

Even something as seemingly innocuous as "So-and-so has had a gall bladder attack" might be considered an invasion of privacy.

So the bottom line, for me, is "if in doubt, leave it out". Our website represents the "Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Salisbury"- not a particular individual. Let's make sure anything that is posted reflects that.

Wishing you peace and blessings,
John

Cinema Circle

at UUFS
6:00 PM on a 5' x 5' Screen
SUGGESTED DONATION \$2.00
Discussion immediately following
the film.
Pot Luck Pizza, Snacks &
Beverages.

July 10

MEL BROOKS' HISTORY OF THE WORLD-PART 1: (1981)

Mel Brooks' comic genius is unleashed in spades in this episodic spoof of history's seminal moments, narrated by Orson Welles. Beginning with a brilliant send-up of 2001: A Space Odyssey, Brooks then lampoons the Stone Age, the Roman Empire, the Spanish Inquisition and ends with a clever takeoff on the French Revolution. The all-star-cast includes Sid Caesar, Gregory Hines, Madeleine Kahn, Dom DeLuise, Harvey Korman and, of course, Brooks. (92 minutes)

July 24

KITE RUNNER: (2007) Years after fleeing the Taliban and immigrating to the United States, an Afghan man (Khalid Abdalla) returns to his war-ravaged homeland to try to repay his debt to a childhood friend whose trust he betrayed. Marc Forster (Finding Neverland, Monster's Ball) directs this touching story of family, friendship and bravery, based on the best-selling novel by Khaled Hosseini. (127 minutes)

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Our Events For The Month

<p>SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING: 7:00 PM Sunday, 7/16/09 What would UU like to act on?</p> <p>Contact person: Board Liaison Leslie Finlayson 410-749-7613 fins1024@verizon.net</p>	<p>THE PEACE ALLIANCE OF THE LOWER SHORE (PALS) – Peace Action Planning Meeting 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, 7/8/09 Room 2, downstairs, at the Wicomico County Library. Contact Jackie Fritch, Coordinator, 410-546-1466.</p>	<p>PALS SILENT PEACE VIGIL First & Third Sundays, 2:00-3:00 P.M., corner of Route 13 and College Ave. Signs are available. <i>While there is some positive movement, there is a long way to go!</i></p>	<p><i>"SPEAK YOUR 'PEACE!' BE HEARD ON YOUR ISSUES!"</i> CONTACT PRESIDENT OBAMA AND CONGRESS! CALL CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD, 202-224-3121 / WHITE HOUSE COMMENT LINE, 202-456-1111. Send letters to local addresses to avoid delay for anthrax etc. screening, in D.C. See SAC Board for updated addresses. (Note: Congressman Frank Kratovil's local office will open at One Plaza East, Salisbury, MD, 21801.)</p>
<p>Next UUFS Board Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2009 6:00 PM</p> <p>Contact person: Judy Burns, Secretary Board of Trustees 410-749-7301 billjudy908@verizon.net</p>	<p>Game Night Although Game Night is the first Friday of the month, we are on hiatus for July. The next one is August 7 at 7:30PM. In May we played bridge, but there are both board and other card game options. As usual, bring a snack and/or a favorite game if you wish.. Hope to see you then.</p> <p>Contact person: Naomi Reed 410-677-3805 naomireed1812@verizon.net</p>	<p>Second Saturday Crafters 11:00 A.M. Saturday <i>*July 11, 2009*</i> This month's theme: "Let's Sew"</p> <p>Please call Monika Pawliuk for a list of supplies and to make reservations. 410-835-3616 <i>"The Modern Day Quilting Bee."</i></p> <p>All crafters are welcome. Open to the public. If you bring your own projects, there is no fee to attend. Knitters and Crocheters we have comfortable sofas to sit back and stitch away. Scrapbookers we have tables for you to spread out your scrapbooks.</p>	<p>"LET'S DO LUNCH!" WOMEN'S GROUP Noon, Friday, July 17, 2009 At UUFS</p> <p>BYOLunch and celebrate independence and friendship!</p>
<p>Religious Education Committee Meeting: Sunday, July 5, 2009 Following Service Upstairs in the Elementary Room.</p> <p>Contact person: Trish Greene, DRE</p>	<p>Buddhist Study group Meets every Monday evening at 7:00 PM We are currently reading "Start Where You Are" by Pema Chödrön. See the website www.salisburyzen.com for more information.</p>	<p>Tuesday mornings with UU's Meet for Breakfast every Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. At the Lighthouse Restaurant on S-13, Court Plaza.</p> <p>Contact person: Naomi Reed 410-677-3805 naomireed1812@verizon.net</p>	<p>Mid Week Announcements Join our email list! Once a week on Wednesdays, UUFS sends out an email with helpful information.</p> <p>To subscribe/unsubscribe Please send an email to the editor, Lara Nieberding UUFS@uufs.net</p>

UUFS Events Calendar July 2009

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5 11a UUFS Sunday Discussion-Anisa Gharbi 12:15p Religious Education Meeting 2p PALS: Peace Vigils	6 Volunteer Custodian-Bev Moyer 7p Buddhist Study Group	7 8:30a Breakfast with UUs	8 7:00p PALS	9 6p UUFS Board meeting	10 6p UUFS Cinema Circle	11 11a UUFS Second Saturday Crafters
12 11a UUFS Sunday Discussion-Marji	13 Volunteer Custodian-Dick & Frann Weaver 7p Buddhist Study Group	14 8:30a Breakfast with UUs	15	16 UUFS Biking Group 7:00p Social Action Com Meeting	17 12p UUFS "Let's Do Lunch" Women's Group	18
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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- ☞ *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
- ☞ *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;*
- ☞ *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;*
- ☞ *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
- ☞ *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic processes within our congregations and in the society at large;*
- ☞ *The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;*
- ☞ *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

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ABOUT OUR FELLOWSHIP

CELEBRATING 51 YEARS!

It is the mission of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Salisbury to become an increasingly diverse community with differing beliefs and shared values. In joy and mutual support, we offer spiritual nourishment, affirm the worth of each individual, and honor the democratic process. We encourage all ages to learn and grow together while we work for compassionate justice in our society and on our planet.

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