



## News & Notes

The **UU Women's Group** will meet on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. at **Colonial Tavern**, Home to the Irish Brigade, located near the Fredericksburg train station at 406 Lafayette Blvd. Join this great group of women for a relaxing evening of casual conversation and good food. Drop in and check us out... no reservations necessary. Visit "[UUFF Women's Group](#)" on Facebook.

The **Men's Group** is now meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Primavera, 600 William St. Newcomers are always welcome to join the group.

Do you sing or play an instrument, and want to join others for a fun evening making music together? Join our **Monday Music Gathering**, which meets every other Monday in the high school classroom from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Jan. 13 and 27). All instruments and ability levels are welcome. For more info, contact Lee Criscuolo.

The **Insight Meditation Community of Fredericksburg** meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for sitting and walking meditation, or Mindful Listening. During December, we will meet at Faulkner Hall, St. George's Episcopal Church, 905 Prince George Street. Beginning January 2, our meditation will move to Dragonfly Yoga Studio, 810 Caroline Street. Visit [www.meditatefred.com](http://www.meditatefred.com) for the schedule and details.

In case of **inclement weather**, call the Fellowship at 310-4001 to see if services or events have been cancelled, visit our website, [www.uuffva.org](http://www.uuffva.org), listen to radio station B101.5, or check [www.b1015.com](http://www.b1015.com).

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## UUFF MOVES TO ONE SERVICE 10:30 AM - STARTS JAN. 5

After consultation with the Council of Committees, the Religious Education department and members of the Fellowship, the Board of Trustees has decided to return to one service. Beginning on January 5, the UUFF will begin meeting at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Attendance at both services has been light, and it is apparent that there is ample space for all of us to meet together with room to spare. A single service with more people will bring renewed energy to our gatherings, provide greater opportunities for us to connect with each other, and

convey to newcomers the excitement of a more vibrant congregation.

Our religious education classes will now all meet at 10:30 a.m. Watch the announcements for more information about classroom changes.

As our membership grows, we will continue to consider schedule options that best serve the needs of our congregation, and welcome input from our members and friends.

-Board of Trustees

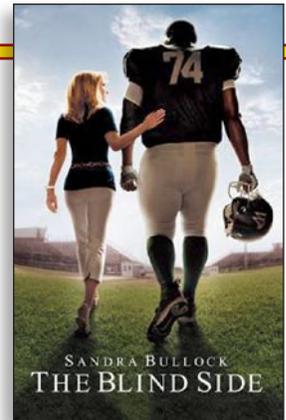
## TAILGATE DINNER AND A SHOW

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 - 6:00 PM

The Friendship Committee invites you to our first **Dinner & a Show** event, to be held Saturday, January 25. The "Show" is the uplifting family movie, *The Blind Side*, based on the true story of Michael Oher, a homeless and traumatized boy who became an All American football player and first round NFL draft pick with the help of a caring woman and her family. The movie stars Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock, and Tim McGraw, and runs about 2 hours.

Dinner will be a tailgate-themed potluck to go with the movie's story line. Bring your favorite game day dish to share with the rest of the fans at 6:00 p.m., then settle in for the movie at about 6:45 p.m. (or just come for the movie). Wear your team gear and bring your foam fingers! The Friendship Committee will provide drinks and paper products, or you can bring your own. This is a family-friendly event, and children are welcome to enjoy the dinner and movie; there will not be separate child care provided. Mark your calendars, sports fans!

-Susan Lovegrove



## FROM THE Minister's Desk

Rev. Walter Braman



**"We must, indeed, all hang together  
or, most assuredly,  
we shall all hang separately."**

—Benjamin Franklin

I remember being interviewed by search committee members who had asked questions about my ministry, professional life, and interests. After they had asked their questions, they opened the discussion for me to ask questions.

I asked, "Beyond seeing you through this transition, what issues would you like or need me to address?" The committee members responded with a list, a very long list, of what needed to be done.

"Can you do these?"

"No," was my answer. I could surmise that this was not the answer they had expected, so I elaborated, "But WE can."

That was in the spring of 1998 when I was interviewed by the Interim Minister Search Committee for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg.

If I ever made a statement that was totally unnecessary, that was it. After two years as an interim, and three and a half as a consulting minister, I see a very strong congregation that is so well connected with one another that it gives the word "congregation" a new meaning. I almost think it would be appropriate that when using the name of this congregation, the word "fellowship" be underscored. You folks do indeed get it.

After hearing so many eulogies for Nelson Mandela over the past few weeks, I find myself drawing out the word "brilliant." What made Nelson Mandela

brilliant? He got it. Got what? He got the obvious that so often escapes us. After living and suffering under apartheid and then gaining political power, he brought into the government those who had so brutally persecuted him and an entire race of people. They worked together. The success of South Africa as a nation speaks for itself.

Brilliance, or genius, if you will, seems to be seeing the obvious, understanding the obvious, and acting on the obvious. And here the obvious is togetherness, the antithesis of "apart-ness."

UUFF has far to go in the near future, completing a transition, searching for a new minister, growing, and further defining itself and its future.

It is by working together, such a simple and obvious thing, that you will succeed. Keep it up, UUFF.

Walter



## VEGETARIAN GROUP

### Whole Foods for a Whole (New!) You

It's almost the new year again. Another twelve months has flown by, and it's time to make those resolutions. Is this something that you relish, or something that you do out of habit but never really follow through on?

This year, the Veg Group invites you to join us for a celebration of life, love, personal health, and "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part," the seventh principle of Unitarian Universalists. It will help you reach many resolutions at once and is as simple as changing the foods on your plate.

On **Saturday, January 4, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**, the Veg Group will host its monthly potluck followed with a presentation by Christine Carlson called *Whole Foods for a Whole (New!) You*. She will lead a discussion of how and why eating a whole foods plant-based diet is easy, fun, and incredibly delicious!

Eating veg can bring you closer to the earth, raise your respect for the creatures with which you co-exist, increase your compassion for fellow human beings, and increase your health and vitality in ways you never imagined. As a side benefit, you will learn how to eat thousands of new foods and cuisines, and make every meal a delicious experience! Come receive recipes, resources, and inspiration!

If you have always wondered what goes on at Veg Group meetings, and if our monthly potluck really is "the best meal in town," we encourage you to come check us out at the first meeting of the new year! It will also be the **Veg Group's 9th year together!!**

Please bring a vegetarian or vegan dish to share. Gluten-free or raw dishes are also welcome. If you are new to this type of cooking and eating, just bring yourself and a small donation. Silverware, plates, cups, and cloth napkins are provided. We always have extra to share!

All are welcome—you do not need to be a vegetarian to enjoy the good food and fellowship. We also offer support, a lending library of books and videos, recipes and ideas! Questions? Contact Gloria Lloyd or Christine Carlson.

—Christine Carlson

## December Event Reminders:

### *Holiday Dessert Buffet*

On **December 22**, we'll spread some holiday cheer between the Sunday services at our annual holiday dessert buffet. Share your family's favorite holiday treats, whether homemade or store-bought, and make plans to stay after the first service, or arrive early for the second service, to enjoy this special social time.

—Friendship Committee

## EARTH-CENTERED CELEBRATION

This time earth-centered celebrants are doing something different. On **Saturday, December 21 at 11:30 a.m.**, we'll gather at 8915 Millwood Drive, Spotsylvania, to celebrate the return of the sun, Celtic style, with drumming, rattling and singing. Trees will be wassailed. Merriment will flood the land and hearts of the people. This celebration is suitable for well-behaved children and marginally well-behaved adults! Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be open fires. Bring a dish to share for the feasting! Dress warm for the outdoors! Bring drums, rattles and musical instruments! Please RSVP to Craig Cherry.

—Craig Cherry

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy holidays to you all! I'm keeping my column short this month as it's a very busy (though joyful) time of year.

The main news for the month is that the Board of Trustees voted to return to one service beginning on January 5th. Services will start at 10:30 a.m. Thanks to those of you who gave us your opinions on the issue, and please continue to give us your thoughts on all issues involving the Fellowship.

From time to time, I hear someone express a concern that the Board makes decisions like this "behind closed doors." Please note that in this instance, the topic of Board discussion and consideration was advertised in Thursday's email announcements, and that the Board's policy is that anyone can attend its meetings.

Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. I'll continue to keep you apprised of what we'll discuss at each upcoming meeting, so that you can decide if you would like to attend it or otherwise voice your opinion in advance to a Board member. Watch for these topics in the Thursday email announcements, and also in the printed announcements included in each Sunday's Order of Service.

And speaking of your opinions, the Visioning and Ministerial Feasibility Committee suggested earlier its intention to get back to you in December with the results of the meetings held in November. That may have been a little ambitious on our part as unfortunately, because of too many conflicts, we'll have to wait until January to present those results to you.

That's all the news from my corner for this month (and year!). I hope your holidays are joyful and not overly stressed, and look forward to a wonderful 2014 with you all.

—Diane Elstein

# REViews

CHRIS JOHNS, Director of Religious Education

Here's the thing: I know it's mid-December. The deadline for this article is the 14th which as some of you know is the dress rehearsal for the Pageant and since I won't be home on the 14th, I have to write this now. I also have shopping—and the resulting wrapping—to do since Christmas is approaching at the speed of light. AND I still have to clean this house to achieve a "company ready" state that will last approximately 10 minutes. What's my point of sharing this? Well, I'll tell you. My point is, this is a busy time but we still have to do things like write newsletter articles. Every year the same thing! Too much to do and not enough time to do it!

I should add "find more time" to my list of resolutions for 2014. Of course, I have started it already. Haven't you? Now, what did I do with it? Ah, here it is.

- #1 Drink more water
- #2 Meditate
- #3 Lose 15 pounds

Okay, enough of that, you don't need to know that stuff. But I like the idea of having resolutions for the New Year. It helps me to focus and look at what I can do better in the future, and think about what I might want to change. I find that I often do that for RE. This program is often challenging, always shifting and, yes, changing. I have to be on my toes so I can change with it.

I know! Here's what I will do. I will write a new list, my list of RE-Solutions! Get it? RE-Solutions? See what I did there? I know, I know, I'm hilarious. Anyway, here goes...

RE-Solutions # 1 – YOUTH CON!!!! I have been promising this to these children for so long and this is the year I/we make it happen! Let's go!

RE-Solutions #2 – Finalize arrangements to make the transition back to one service go smoothly for all of our RE classes.

RE-Solutions # 3 - Adult RE! Adult OWL!! You want it and this is the year we are going to bring it to you!

By the way, I have to tell you about a funny thing that happened at the end of one of the middle school OWL classes recently. It came up in conversation with the OWLettes that we are planning to offer Adult OWL next fall, and one of the kids said, "Why? Don't they know everything already?" Frankly, I had no answer for the child because I was laughing too hard...

RE-Solutions # 4 - Fill in the schedule for the rest of the instructional year!!!!!!

There. I think that should keep me busy for a while. And I would like to point out that, although this is my list, I can accomplish very little on it without your help.

Allow me to close with this quote from Michael Josephson: "Whether we want them or not, the New Year will bring new challenges; whether we seize them or not, the New Year will bring new opportunities."

May we face our challenges and opportunities together. Happy New Year, beloved community!

—Chris Johns

## JANUARY UU 101 CLASS

The Membership Committee will be holding a UU 101 class on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you desire to know more about the UUFF and Unitarian Universalism in general, please consider attending this class. Those completing the class will be eligible to sign the book and become a member. Attending the class does not obligate anyone to become a member.

The class will include lunch and childcare (with reservations), and will be limited to 10 attendees. Reservations must be received no later than January 20. If you need more information or wish to sign up for the class, please contact Anne Little.

—Anne Little



The UU Virginia legislative advocacy group (unofficially titled UULM-VA, the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry-VA) met again on November 23 at the First UU Church of Richmond. Becky Reed, Chris Folger, Barry Clark, and Pat Smith from UUFF attended the meeting. The next organizational meeting will be on **January 4**. Contact one of the UUFF members above if you would like to help define the organizational structure of this group or would like to participate in implementing its first legislative advocacy issue.

The first issue this working group has endorsed is HB59, in-state tuition for DACA recipients (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). The bill's sponsors include Tom Rust (R-Herndon), Kaye Kory (D-Falls Church, and Alfonso Lopez (D-Arlington). Our Social Justice Committee at UUFF previously endorsed this advocacy initiative, and we will be partnering with a broad coalition of immigration reform partners to pass this bill.

An action plan for our efforts to pass this bill will be developed during the next

month. What can you do now? Let us know you would like to participate in our advocacy efforts. Make it known to your representatives that as a person of faith you support this legislation. We will provide updated information and opportunities for advocacy throughout the 2014 Virginia General Assembly session.

To find your Virginia legislators, visit [viriniageneralassembly.gov](http://viriniageneralassembly.gov). For information about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, see [www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals](http://www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals). For information on Immigration as a Moral Issue, see the Statement of Conscience, [www.uua.org/statement/statement/288860.shtml](http://www.uua.org/statement/statement/288860.shtml).

Our working group UULM-VA is the 18th statewide faith-based network focusing Unitarian Universalists on important and achievable state legislative issues.

If you have questions about this social justice initiative, and/or would like to work on this advocacy issue with our VA legislators, please contact Pat Smith.

—Social Justice Committee

## Advocacy Day: January 21

On Tuesday, January 21, the UUFF Social Justice Committee will partner with the Interfaith Center and VACOLAO (Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations) for an Advocacy Day. The program convenes at the Richmond Convention Center and includes a trip over to the General Assembly building to meet with our legislators. Our advocacy bill is the in-state tuition bill (HB59). If you have (or always wanted to have) a Standing on the Side of Love t-shirt or sweatshirt from the UUA, now is the time to wear it (or order one)!

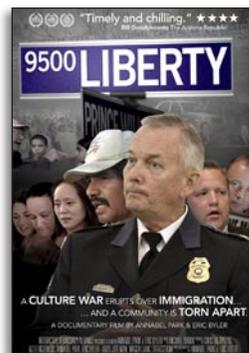
For more information, contact Pat Smith.

—Pat Smith

## Film Screening: 9500 Liberty

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 7:00 PM

The Social Justice Committee will screen the documentary film *9500 Liberty* on Jan. 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. The film documents the first time in U.S. history that an Arizona-style immigration law was implemented, and finally repealed. Threats of violence, incendiary language and rage against immigrants accompanies the Prince William County Board of Supervisor's decision to adopt a law requiring police to question people who "appear" to be illegal immigrants. As the local economy is impacted by the exodus of workers, a group of concerned citizens speaks out to the Board and in social media against the new law, which forces a showdown between opposing forces. The failure of our immigration system is held in stark relief here. The filmmakers Annabel Park and Eric Byler illustrate how a strategy of conflict resolution works in the real world.



—Pat Smith

## COMMUNITY ACTION CORNER

The Fellowship was busy over the holidays, helping provide Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts, and meals nights at St. George's for those in need. Thanks to all who helped make these efforts a success!

Coming up in the spring will be our **Rebuilding Together** project. Rebuilding Together is a national organization that provides critical repairs and renovations for low-income homeowners. The Community Action Committee is looking for two team captains to help with coordination of a local house project. Please contact Curt Swinburne if you'd like to help.

—Curt Swinburne

## Sunday Discussion Group



The Sunday Discussion Group meets after the service on most first, third, and fifth Sundays from

12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Clara Barton (Board) room (*please note the new time*). If you are not on the regular discussion group email distribution and wish to be informed of the meetings, please email Stew Engel. Visit our website at <http://uuffva.org/home/congregational-life/interest-groups/sunday-discussion-group>. All are welcome to participate or just sit in on discussions of interest.

The topics scheduled for the near future are:

- Jan. 5:** *Should marriage become a purely ceremonial occasion with no connection to government or the law?*
- Jan. 19:** *How should government entitlements be cut?*
- Feb. 2:** *Let's Pretend: How should we modify individual income tax rates?*

—Stew Engel

## INTERIOR DESIGN UPDATE

The wheels of progress move slowly in design, especially without a budget, but your Interior Design Team, with the help of generous donors, has been able to provide a variety of enhancements to our building over the last year, including:

- a beautiful one-of-a-kind chalice (thanks to Nancy Krause and Lee Rodrigue);
- an incredible mural in the nursery (thanks to Sarah Holloway);
- a raised stage in the main hall (thanks to Carl and Anne Little);
- an RE table and bulletin board for the RE hallway;
- minister /speaker chairs for the front of the main hall;
- hallway benches (thanks to Neva Trenis, Margie & Howard Heppe); and
- greeter's table and special events tables in the gathering space (thanks to Margie & Howard Heppe).

In addition, more exciting changes are in the works. Barry Clark is making a wonderful mahogany table for the arched niche in the main hall. Once in place, we will present the Fellowship with color options for the niche. Yes, you can pick your favorite and the color with the most "likes" wins.

In the meantime, the design team continues to brainstorm more ways to add layers, texture, and color to our space. It is a work in progress—we think it will be worth the wait.

—Margie Heppe  
Interior Design Team chair



## Journey to Providence

Ellie Brown

Ever since I was six years old, I have always called the Unitarian Universalist Fredericksburg of Fredericksburg my home. The supportive community and familiar faces are incredibly comforting. By growing up in the youth programming, I have been able to develop ideas and make many of my best friends. Because of everything that the UUFF has done for me, I would like to give back.

In June 2014, I will be going to Providence, Rhode Island, to participate in the annual UUA General Assembly with a few other members from our congregation. Currently, I am interested in being a youth delegate from UUFF, which would require me to vote and discuss issues with the GA community, and bring forward my Fellowship's ideas. After, I would report back to the Fellowship with any new information.

To make this more affordable, I will be working to lower my costs through fundraisers, scholarships and work. I am also the first youth from UUFF to go to GA, and I would love nothing more than to be a proud representative. I will be happy to bring my generation's voice forward with a joke and a smile.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER?

We are currently in the process of preparing our annual Certification of Membership for the Unitarian Universalist Association. This report of the number of UUFF members in good standing is used to determine how many delegates we're allowed at General Assembly, as well as our annual Fair Share contributions to the UUA.

Official UUFF membership is required to participate in upcoming congregational votes, such as at the Annual Meeting in the spring. Below is the definition of a member as stated in our bylaws, and all steps are required to be able to vote. If you are not sure of your status, please contact the office.

1. Has reached sixteen (16) years of age;
2. Has discussed membership with a person or group or completed a class designated by the Membership Committee;
3. Has signed the Membership Book; and
4. Has made the minimum annual financial contribution of record, established annually by the Board (currently \$100), within the previous or current fiscal year; the contribution may be waived by the Board upon recommendation by the Minister.

Please contact Rev. Walter Braman to discuss a waiver if you are experiencing financial difficulties and cannot meet the minimum annual financial contribution of record.

—Nancy Krause

## Looking for UUFF Leaders

Are you interested in serving the Fellowship as a member of next year's Board of Trustees or Nominating Committee? We would love to hear from Fellowship members interested in learning more about these leadership positions in our beloved community. This year's Nominating Committee will present candidates for election to these positions at the UUFF Annual Meeting in the spring. If you are interested in learning more about the opportunity to share a vision and passion for the future of our congregation, contact Nancy Krause.

—Nancy Krause



**STARTING JANUARY 5,  
UUFF MOVES TO ONE  
SERVICE AT 10:30 AM**

# ArtsBeat

At long last we have some really really great news in the area of accompanist for the UUFF. I am very happy to report that **Ms. Kana Zink** has agreed to be our new regular accompanist for services and choirs. Hooray!



Kana is a graduate of the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston and brings to us an impressive résumé of credits that includes accompanying for various chamber, men's and women's choirs, as well as being a show accompanist on musicals such as *Into the Woods* and *Once on the Island* for area high schools.

Kana is also a board certified Music Therapist and manager of her own business. We are very fortunate to have her joining the musical staff here at the UUFF. If you see her tinkling the keys in the next few weeks, please make an effort to stop by the piano and say hello.

In other news, as many of you know, the Handchimers had to reschedule their big Christmas offering due to bad weather. We have rescheduled their performance for Sunday, January 5, just in time for Twelfth Night. The Handchimers will be presenting a pleasant medley of highlights from *The Nutcracker Suite*, plus a traditional arrangement of *Carol of the Bells*. Please come out and support their efforts.

## Great Lives Lecture Series to Begin in January

The University of Mary Washington's popular Great Lives lecture series will kick off its eleventh year on Thursday, January 16, and continue through April. The series, held in George Washington Hall at 7:30, is free and open to the public.

This year's series will include talks by noted authors and professors on such diverse historical personalities as John Wilkes Booth, Martin Luther King, Jr., Henry VIII, Jim Henson, Bob Dylan, the Hatfields and McCoys, Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, William Shakespeare, and Jim Thorpe. The final lecture of the series will feature Charles and Anne Lindbergh's daughter, Reeve, who will speak about her noted family, their accomplishments, hardships and legacy.

For the complete lecture schedule, visit [www.umw.edu/greatlives](http://www.umw.edu/greatlives).

Similarly, the Adult Choir is now hard at work on Christmas Eve. This year they will be presenting the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* as well as a lullaby, "Slumber Little Baby." Come and celebrate with us at a special evening service on December 24.

In the arts about town, **Taylor Johns** continues to rehearse for *Blue's Clues Live* at Riverside Center. *Blue* will run January 18 through March 15, 2014.

Continuing on the boards at Riverside is *Charlotte's Web*, directed by **Amber French**, our semi-regular substitute accompanist. *Charlotte's Web* runs November 9 through December 28.

And at Virginia Repertory in center city Richmond, **Mary Anne Furey**, my wife's sister, currently plays Grandma Tzeitel in their current smash hit production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. *Fiddler* runs through the first of the year.

And finally, unrelated to the above, I reported last month that **Elaine Lewis** became a new great grandmother recently. Since writing that she has become a great grandmother yet again! So once more we congratulate Elaine on the new, new happiness within her ever expanding family.

Adult Choir rehearses 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Handchimes rehearses 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, and UUFh Choir is on Sunday afternoons at 12:45 p.m. Come out and join us.

—Jason Michael, Music Director



## Charades!

Ban those January doldrums with the **Watkins/Kallay Charades auction item, Saturday, January 11, 6:30-9:00 p.m.** at the home of Steve and Janet Watkins. We have a jolly dozen signed up and welcome more. We're offering special desserts and sipping to launch the games!

Let Karen know so there will be plenty of yummys, and she can send you a reminder and the address. A donation of \$25 to the UUFF should be sent to the office, or left in the dropbox in the mailroom, marked with the event name. Hope to see you there!

—Karen Kallay

## IN OUR HEARTS

Our sympathy goes out to **Damian Cobey**, whose father, **David Boyce Cobey**, passed away on November 15 in Maine. We will keep the Cobey family in our thoughts as they cope with this loss.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to **Stew Engel**, who had knee replacement surgery in December. We hope to see Stew back on his feet soon!

## COFFEE TALK



**Morgan Johns** will be competing again this year at the Youth America Grande Prix competition in Philadelphia the weekend of January 9. YAGP is the premiere youth ballet competition in the United States. She has worked so hard this year! Please wish her well and send good thoughts her way! But don't tell her to break a leg... ☺

Congratulations to **Barry Waldman**, who was named one of the Fredericksburg area's top ten young professionals by the Chamber of Commerce's Next Generation of Business Leaders. Barry is a partner at Jarrell, Hicks & Waldman, P.C.

# JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NEW YEAR'S DAY <b>1</b>	Council of Committees <b>2</b> 7 pm	<b>3</b>	Vegetarian Group <b>4</b> 11:30 am
Service 10:30 am <b>5</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am Sun. Discussion 12 noon	<b>6</b>	Mood Support Group 10:30 am <b>7</b> Adult Choir 7 pm Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i>	OWL 7 pm <b>8</b> FUUD Group 7 pm Handchimes 7:15 pm	Board Meeting <b>9</b> 7pm Great Books 7 pm 817 Caroline St.	<b>10</b>	Knitting Circle <b>11</b> 12 noon
Service 10:30 <b>12</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am	Music Gathering <b>13</b> 6:30 pm Sunday Services Comm. 7 pm Community Action 7:30 pm <i>Marriott</i>	Friendship Comm. 6:30 pm <b>14</b> <i>Marriott</i> Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i> Adult Choir 7 pm Music Comm. 8:30	OWL 7 pm <b>15</b> Bldg. & Grounds 7 pm Handchimes 7:15 pm	Film Screening: <b>16</b> 9500 Liberty 7 pm	<b>17</b>	Newsletter <b>18</b> Deadline 4 pm
Service 10:30 <b>19</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am Sun. Discussion 12 noon	Finance <b>20</b> 7:30 pm Women's Group 7 pm <i>Colonial Tavern</i>	Advocacy Day <b>21</b> Mood Support Group 10:30 am Adult Choir 7 pm Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i>	OWL 7 pm <b>22</b> Handchimes 7:15 pm	RE Comm. <b>23</b> 6 pm, <i>Castiglia's</i> Membership 7 pm Great Books 7 pm 817 Caroline St.	<b>24</b>	UU101 9 am <b>25</b> Knitting Circle, 12 noon Tailgate Dinner & Show 6 pm
Service 10:30 <b>26</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am Life Preservers 3 pm <i>Pinschmidts'</i>	Music Gathering <b>27</b> 6:30 pm	Adult Choir <b>28</b> 7 pm Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i>	OWL 7 pm <b>29</b> Handchimes 7:15 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

Activities are held at the UUFF unless otherwise noted, and all are subject to change.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM ONLY

*Please note this schedule change.*

#### JAN. 5

**The Spirituality of Resolutions, Rev. Walter Braman**  
Do resolutions relate to our faith?  
*The Handchime Choir will perform.*

#### JAN. 12

**The Meaning of Spirituals, Jim Thomas**  
Jim Thomas, founder of the U.S. Slave Song Project, will talk about the meaning of, and sing excerpts from, slave songs and Negro spirituals.

#### JAN. 19

**MLK's Work: Where is it Now?, Rev. Walter Braman**  
Some thoughts on the day.  
*The Adult Choir will perform.*

#### JAN. 26

**La Ceiba Microfinance: Redefining the Role of Students in Economic Development, Emily Sherman**  
Emily is the Campaign Coordinator for the Sustainability Office at UMW. La Ceiba has been relevant to her tenure in the Sustainability Office, as Microfinance reaches the economic and social aspects of sustainability.

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