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President's Column

In my coffee conversations, one word comes out frequently when I ask people what keeps them coming to Channing Memorial Church: *community*.

I remember often singing a song in Methodist Sunday School that went something like this: "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is a people." In Channing's 25-plus years, we have rented space in several local schools, two office parks, and at another church. The common thread through these moves has been a strong sense of community that is not tied to any one particular place.

We're dealing with a lot of anxiety these days about our space as we receive the news that we may have a new landlord. This situation is still fluid, so I am not able to provide many details at the time of this writing. We had started exploring whether we should stay in Corporate Court or move once our current lease ends in September 2019. If you have ideas, opinions, or suggestions of possible spaces, please reach out to the church space exploration team - Dan V., Kathleen R., and Diana M. (I was going to call Dan, Kathleen, and Diana "the space explorers," but then feared that some might think they are going into outer space!)

This situation adds anxiety and uncertainty to our church life, when we are also starting a second search for a settled minister and we are looking forward to a one-year term with a second interim minister. Some folks have asked questions about what a third year of transition will look like, when it seems that we did much of this work with our previous interim minister.

In unsettled times in life, it helps to go back to the roots that anchor you. Our church life is grounded in community, badly needed in these scary times when people are often isolated. Come to a worship service and listen to a wonderful postlude by our music director. Attend one of our small group offerings. Reach out to the care team if you are ill or hurting. Relax at a Friday evening potluck.

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Send submittals for the September issue of *The Channing Connection* to newsshare@channingmc.org by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 19.

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Talk to me, if you haven't talked to me yet for my coffee conversation series.

Our chalice that we light on Sunday mornings was carried to Corporate Court from our old rental space on Bethany Lane in a ceremonial walk along Route 40. Each Sunday, as the worship service closes, we invite you to take this light out into the world and carry it with you throughout the week. We gather back together the following Sunday and renew the light. Wherever we go next for our church space, we'll take the eternal flame of community with us.

Another theme has arisen in my coffee conversations: *invitation*. I am amazed at how many people first came to Channing because they were invited by another member or friend. Who do you know who might hunger for spiritual community? Do you share your love of Channing in your other social circles? Let's spread the word about Channing: *nurture your spirit; help heal our world*.

In love and faith,
Julie Fitzer

Save the Date!



**Channing Auction
Saturday, November 17
Evening**

Stay tuned for more information as the date approaches

August Worship Services

Team Worship looks forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings in August! Here's a preview of services:

- ◇ **August 5th** "Follow Your Heart" with **Jodi D.**
- ◇ **August 12th** "Goat Duty" with **David F.**
- ◇ **August 19th** "Singing in the Spirit" with **Amado Ohland** and **VoiceExchange; Jodi D.**,
Worship Associate - for more information, see below.
- ◇ **August 26th** "Practicing Mercy" with **Ostara H.**

On August 19th, you won't want to miss:

Singing in the Spirit

Back by popular demand, we welcome VoiceExchange, who will facilitate "CircleSinging," a combination of improv and harmony. Join us as together we co-create beautiful music, regardless of experience or skill level.

It's Tea Time!
Afternoon Tea at the Granite Rose Tea Parlor
Saturday, August 25 at 1:00 p.m.



There is a work group planning to host a fundraising tea at the church this fall. A "recognizance field trip" will happen on Saturday, August 25th at the Granite Rose Tea Parlor in the Granite neighborhood, which is 6 miles from the church in Woodstock, MD. The afternoon tea features savories and sweets, and costs \$18.50. Check out the website: <https://www.graniterosetea.net/>

RSVP Marian V. by August 1st if you would like to attend.



**Rev. Madelyn
Campbell**

Welcome Rev. Madelyn

Watch our new Minister introduce herself to us here: <https://youtu.be/CUGJem9UYDE>

We are looking forward to Reverend Madelyn Campbell beginning Interim Ministry with Channing on August 6. To start to get to know her, take a look at her website:

<http://www.revmadelyncampbell.com>



Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 p.m.

At Channing Memorial Church

Meet our new Interim Minister The Rev. Madelyn Campbell

Have an early light dinner and then stop by church for dessert and chat with Rev. Madelyn. Create your own ice cream fountain treats or enjoy Evelyn's ginger ice cream pie and/or coconut lime sorbet.

Board Bits



The July Board meeting was held on the 17th with seven members in attendance. This meeting was not only a transition to a new fiscal year, but also a new Board with a new President. Julie led the discussions on the essential duties of a Board and the expectations of the members. Other topics on the agenda were communications with Reverend Madelyn, the Care Team, church Social Responsibility and the Sundays After discussions. The Board is well oriented and ready to take on the challenges of this new interim year.

Sincerely,
Dan V., Scribe

**New Adult Religious Education Offering!
"Soul Stories"
with Facilitator Julie Fitzer**

First Meeting: Thursday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

When: Second Thursdays of the month beginning in August through the Fall: August 9, September 13, October 11 and November 8

Time and Place: 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Channing Memorial Church

We'll listen to a short wisdom tale from a multi-cultural collection compiled by a UU minister. Then, we'll have five minutes to reflect on the story, while listening to meditation music. Then we will respond to the story. Our discussion may incorporate the questions provided in the collection or veer off in another direction.

**"Final Friday" Potluck and Game Nights at Channing!
Friday, August 31
6:00-9:00 p.m.**



You're invited to join us for (free) "Final Friday" potluck dinner and game nights at Channing from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We'll start with July and August and see where it goes.

Bring a dish to share and a board game (or other table top game) if you'd like to. Or, if it's not a good week for you to bring a dish, just come! Bring a friend or two, if you'd like. After dinner, join in a game, or just socialize. We'll have a movie available for young children who might want to just chill and watch.

Just a hang out together kind of evening. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, see Deanna G. or Ostara H.



"From You I Receive"

"Why do I come to church? Easy-- for the committee meetings." Said no congregant ever. We don't come to church to serve on a committee. We come to church when we are hurt, confused, grieving. We come when we are happy, relieved, curious. We seek comfort, we need connection, we want conversation, we want cookies. We come to church to see people we love. We come to church to have somewhere to go. We come to church to ask questions and to be questioned -- to be pushed out of our comfort zone.

Sometimes we stop coming to church because we are struggling with a personal challenge. Maybe we feel overwhelmed, or embarrassed, or decide that we will be a "strong UU" and handle it on our own. But this is when church can benefit you the most. Whatever your struggle, it's likely that others share it. Come to church. Be with people who know you and love you. Have a cookie.

Come to church.

--Cathy F., your outgoing Membership person

Men's Group

**August 2nd and 18th
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Bagel Bin at Enchanted
Forest Shopping Center**



All are welcome to this celebration of fellowship, conversation, coffee and bagels!

Snack Squad

Summertime is here. We've said goodbye to Rev. Bob and enter that sunlit time of flip flops, swimming pools, and untethered worship associates at church. Can you help by bringing snacks on Sunday?

Remember that Snack Squad has been split into two parts: healthy food and "fun food." If you can do both slots, bless you. If you can just do one of the slots, that's ok--- hopefully someone else will take the other task. (Feel free to con a friend into this job.)

(Note: When signing up for a slot on SignUp Genius, make sure you hit the "Sign Up" button at the bottom of the page, or your signup will be lost.)

Contact Cathy Fu for the link to the SignUp Genius or for help in signing up.

One last thing: Please keep our four- and six-legged friends away by cleaning up and taking your dishes home after all have been served.

Thanks,
Cathy

Toiletries Needed for the Westside Men's Shelter

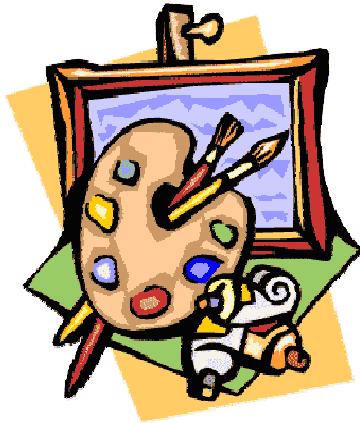
So many of you travel frequently and are supplied with those little travel-size toiletries at hotels and on the plane. If you ever find you don't need them, please consider donating the extras to the men at Westside Shelter. We've put a box in the foyer for donations of individual toothbrushes and tooth pastes, razors, lip balm, hand sanitizers, combs, deodorant sticks, hand lotion, shampoos and conditioners.

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Diana M., Nancy H., Joe C. and Steve P. take turns delivering groceries to the Shelter and will take these over when they go each month.

Calling All Artists and Creatives!



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia (UUC) will be accepting work for their next art exhibit to open on September 9 at the Owen Brown Interfaith Center (7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045). This artwork will illustrate *A Free and Responsible Quest for Truth and Meaning* - the fourth UU Principle. All types of media qualify, including painting, photography, quilting, mixed-media, and the written word. Submitted artwork must fit in a square frame or be mounted onto a square, sturdy backboard. There are no size restrictions.

The DEADLINE to submit a jpeg image and application is August 13. Approved artwork will be delivered to UUC by Aug. 26.

Email arts@uucolumbia.net to request more information and a submission form.

Channing Care Team

The Care Team is a group of Channing volunteers who respond when a member of the Channing community is in need. They visit, send flowers, cards, meals and provide other caring gestures when needed. If you know of a need in the congregation, contact the Care Team at careteam@channingmc.org.

Church Cleaners Needed

Keeping our church clean is a big part of creating a welcoming and inviting place. Channing does not have a janitor or a paid cleaning crew. A small cadre of dedicated volunteers clean, scrub, dust, vacuum, and otherwise keep the place looking great. Help is needed! Won't you consider lending a bit of your time to help keep the church looking great? For more information on volunteering to clean, please contact Diana M.

Buy Gift Cards Through Channing Memorial Church



Support Channing Memorial Church while doing your weekly grocery shopping! Grocery cards are available for Giant, Safeway and Weis. There are also a few Lowes cards available. See Maureen H. to make a purchase. A percentage of each gift card that you purchase through Channing goes to help support the church.

Our Own Marian V. Recognized by Baltimore Orioles as a Birdland Hero

Marian was honored by the Baltimore Orioles at their July 26th game. The team tweeted that : “Tonight we recognized Marian [V.], former director of the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center, a TransCen, Inc. program, as one of our #BirdlandHeroes for her commitment to ensuring civil rights for all individuals with disabilities.”



Marian recognized on the big screen at Orioles Park on July 26

Solidarity with Immigrant Communities From a Faith Perspective

What: Training to provide an opportunity for those who want to stand in solidarity with the immigrant community. Sponsored by the Columbia Jewish Congregation and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia.

When: Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 7:30 pm

Where: Oakland Mills Interfaith Center
5885 Robert Oliver Place
Columbia, MD

For More Information: Anna Rubin, tikunolam@columbiajewish.org
You can find a flyer here.

Unitarian Universalists share values and principles, but may still hold different ideas about the best path to achieve them. We anticipate that there will be some who come to different conclusions on issues. As always, we welcome your input!

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Multiracial Unity and/or Multiracial Unitarian Universalism

All those committed to Multiracial Unity and/or Multiracial Unitarian Universalism are invited to a weekend (Aug. 3-5) celebration of the Victory at Gettysburg, in 1863, with a special emphasis on the Battle of Little Round Top, where 300 Union troops, led by the Maine 20th Volunteers, held off almost 1,000 Confederate Troops seeking to outflank the Union forces and thus defeat them, which could have led to a Confederate victory at Gettysburg, the conquest of Washington, D.C. and a possible Confederate win of the Civil War.

Sponsored by the **UU Multiracial Unity Action Caucus (UUMUAC)**. For more information, or to let us know you are coming, contact Rev. Dr. Finley C. Campbell, spokesperson for UUMUAC at fcampbell10501@comcast.net or 773-752-4019.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Men's Group 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	3	4
5 Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 am	6	7 Ice Cream Social and Meet Rev. Madelyn Campbell 6:00 pm	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 am	13	14	15	16	17	18 Men's Group 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
19 Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 am	20 Choir Practice 7:30 - 9:30 pm	21 Board Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm	22	23	24 Groceries to Westside Shelter 6:00 - 7:30 pm	25 Religious Education Teacher Training 8:30 - 10:00 am Tea at Granite Rose 1:00 - 2:00 pm
26 Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 am	27 Choir Practice 7:30 - 9:30 pm	28	29	30	31 First Friday Potluck and Games 6:00 - 9:00 pm	

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Channing Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist

Our mission is to invite seekers into spiritual community, connect souls in mystery and wonder, and ignite compassion into action.

We are a church of liberal religious worship that inspires its members on their spiritual journeys. We derive inspiration from other world religions; promote religious education for all ages; create a welcoming, supporting, and caring community; and work together to build a better world.

Directions to 3220 Corporate Court: From Catonsville and east: Rt.40 West. Right on Pine Orchard Lane (one light after Bethany Lane). Take 4th right onto Corporate Court, then take the first right into the parking lot. Suite C is in middle of building on right. Parking is available in front or at end of building and in back of building.

From Carroll County and west: Go east on I-70 to Rt 40 east; at 4th light (Pine Orchard Lane), turn left. Take 4th right onto Corporate Court, then take the first right into the parking lot. Suite C is in middle of building on right. Parking is available in front or at ends of building and in back of building.

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