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## In the Interim November 2018



### What's Your Mission?

Have you considered what is your own personal mission? Perhaps you have your own mission statement, or maybe this isn't anything you've thought about before. A personal mission can be a useful thing in moments of discernment.

As useful as a mission statement can be for an individual, it is essential for a church. A mission statement provides direction. Ideally, everything that happens in a congregation should feed the mission in one way or another.

A mission statement is concise – not more than a couple of sentences. At Channing, we have a clear and concise mission statement. How often do you consider it?

***We are a church of liberal religious worship.  
Our mission is to:***

***Invite seekers into spiritual community,  
Connect souls in mystery and wonder, and  
Ignite compassion into action.***

During November, we'll spend some time digging into our mission. What does it mean to Invite, Connect, and Ignite? How are we doing these things? How might we do them better?

And how are you, as an individual, aligned with Channing's mission? I have a personal mission statement. My mission is to serve God. Therefore, I am serving my mission by serving the Channing community and the Channing mission. But that's *my* mission, my purpose. I'm inviting you to think about what yours is. Let's have a conversation!

In shalom,  
*Pastor Madelyn*



## Wayside Pulpit

We are each of us responsible for the evil we might have prevented.

—James Martineau

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*To place an event on the calendar, in the Order of Service announcements, in the newsletter or in an allchanning email, send an email to: [newsshare@channingmc.org](mailto:newsshare@channingmc.org)*

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Send submittals for the December issue of *The Channing Connection* to [newsshare@channingmc.org](mailto:newsshare@channingmc.org) by **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 25.**

## Interfaith Liturgical Calendar

### November

- 1 All Saints Day (Christian)  
Samhain (Wiccan/Euro-Pagan)
- 2 All Souls Day (Christian)
- 7 Diwali (Sikh/Jain/Hindu)
- 8 New Year (Jain/Hindu)
- 12 Birth of the Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
- 21 Mawlid an Nabi (Islam)
- 26 Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)
- 28 Ascension of Abudu'l-Baha (Baha'i)

### Thank You, Terry B.



Thanks so much to Terry B., for serving as our nursery attendant these last 18 months. Terry brought energy and warmth to our youngest Channing family members, and we are grateful. Her last day was October 28.

Terry, best of luck in all you do and come back and visit sometime!

### 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](mailto:careteam@channingmc.org).

## President's Column

It finally feels like fall in Howard County. Fall is a great season for:

Board retreats – the board gathered earlier in October at a sister congregation to plan our goals for the year and get to know each other better.

Walks outside – grab a couple of Channing friends and explore one of the many paths nearby.

Auction – Colleen has planned the menu and gathered donations, and we will soon be bidding on fun items in November. The Board has prepared its own awesome basket!

Soup – why not invite someone that you'd like to get to know better over for an inexpensive, healthy, and easy soup lunch some lazy Sunday after church?

Learning new things – we will have a workshop on conflict resolution in November. I've been working on a Front End Web Development class online. What new thing will you learn?

Taking risks – how about trying out a new role at church? Talk to the minister or to me and we will point you in the right direction. In my own life, I'm taking a risk in making some new leaps in my career over the next month.

Investing in self-care – what spiritual, emotional, or physical practices help keep your engine going? This has been a theme for me lately, in dealing with burnout as a health-care provider. I've been doing a lot of meditation lately with the help of iPhone apps, and listening to relaxing nature-inspired drum

music. I'm also spending time near bodies of water listening to waves crashing against land.

Fall is a great season for community, nurturing, food, learning, fun – sounds like church.

See you at church,  
Julie Fitzer

## Search Committee Update

The CMC Settled Minister Search Committee has been hard at work the last two months. As most of you know, the details of what the committee is doing must be confidential. However, we can, and intend to, keep the congregation apprised of where we are in the process. We had our retreat and process kickoff with our Ministerial Settlement Representative in September.

Subsequently we have been meeting weekly to put in place the many logistical and paperwork pieces needed. Thanks to last year's search committee who did a tremendous job in pulling together our survey, packet and Congregational Record. The latter two essentially combine to provide a detailed profile of the congregation.

Thanks also to all who participated in the small group Cottage Meetings or otherwise provided input. Your feedback is being incorporated into the above documents which we are reviewing and updating as needed. In addition, local neutral pulpits for pre-candidating weekends have been arranged.

An important congregational workshop, designed to promote inclusive thinking in the search process, called "Beyond

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Categorical Thinking” will be held after church on Sunday, December 16 (look for a separate announcement and reserve the date).

All of this background work will be finished by the end of 2018. In January we will begin receiving and evaluating packets of information from candidates who are interested in us. Stay tuned!

*Your Search Team-- Kris T., Patrick B, Cathy F., Ken K., Bernie N. and Lynne S.*

**Conflict Resolution  
Workshop  
Saturday, November 10  
Time: TBD**

Join Pastor Madelyn for this workshop where we will explore living into our covenant. How do we handle disagreements? Are there issues that are “deal-breakers?” What do our Unitarian Universalist Principles call us to do? Stay tuned for more information.

**Channing Auction  
Saturday, November 17  
5:30 PM**



The Jungle BUUK is almost here! The Auction will be held at Channing on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to start bidding on silent auction items and signing up for fixed-price items.

Dinner will be served at 5:50 p.m.

Cost will be \$10 per person; children 5 and under are no charge. Pay at the door.

The donations are in and the catalog is drafted. Menu and entertainment are planned. What’s left? -- Sign up to attend! We need an accurate number by November 11 to plan the food shopping.

You can sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f45abab23ab9-channing>. Scroll down to “Attendees” and sign up there.

-OR-

E-mail Colleen R. to let her know you are coming.

Include the number of folks in your group and whether there are any vegetarians or vegans in the group.

## **Welcome to Our New Members!**



Channing welcomes Tony C. and Chris L. Tony and Chris signed the Membership Book on October 21st, and are now official members.

### **Tony's Bio:**

I have, with wife Marie, been in Maryland since 1986. We were joined in 2003 by a resident grandchild who has added two dogs and two rescued cats to the nuclear family household in Catonsville across from the UMBC campus. Marie is a retired chef. They both love their own church and support my choice of Channing.

I am technically retired after a long career in state government agencies in Tennessee, Iowa, and Maryland, as well as nonprofits in Maryland full-time and part-time in New Mexico. Marie and I have our own financial education business in our retirement years, however, and for me that's along with, at least for the present, full-time work for a federal contractor serving the Office of Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights at the Centers for the Medicare and Medicaid in Woodlawn.

I am grateful for your accepting me as a member and look forward to our time together.

-- Tony

### **Chris' bio:**

I have lived in Ellicott City with my wife, Tina, for the last 22 years. We have two daughters and six grandsons age ten and under. I worked for 30 years as a systems programmer for the Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, MD. However, I am currently retired. My wife, Tina, also worked at the Social Security Administration. She is also retired.

I am glad to be a member of Channing, and I am grateful for finding this community.

-- Chris

## **Come Join the Channing Choir!**



Come join the Channing choir as we serve the congregation, learn new skills, and have fun! Practices are held at Channing on Mondays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., with occasional extra practices when needed. For more information, contact Music Director Stephen Deininger.



### Loving Hearts Helping Hands (LH3) Leaf Raking



Our youth (LH3) are planning to do leaf raking at the pet cemetery on November 4. Youth will be leaving from Channing at 9:30, with others welcome to join us after the service.

Please hold this date if you would like to join them. Details will follow in the weekly email.

### Men's Group

**November 1st and 17th  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Bagel Bin at Enchanted Forest Shopping Center**



Join the men of Channing for informal conversation, coffee and bagels. Bring a topic to discuss, or just bring yourself.

#### Stewardship Update

**First Quarter July 1- September30**

<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$44,478
<b>Total Expenses paid</b>	39,385
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$5,093</u>

### Volunteers Needed for Cleaning Church

Keeping our church clean is a big part of creating a welcoming and inviting space. 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 see Diana M. Here's the SignUp Genius link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4BAEAE28A3F58-cleaning3>

### 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. See Maureen Hayes to make a purchase. A percentage of each gift card that you purchase through Channing goes to help support the church.

### Shop Amazon Smile to Support Channing

Channing Memorial Church is a registered charity with Amazon Smile, a program that donates a percentage (0.5%) of every eligible Amazon purchase to charity. Just go to Amazon Smile at <https://smile.amazon.com> and follow the prompts to select Channing as your designated charity.

**Please note: Now through Nov 2, Amazon is donating 5%, ten times their usual rate, on all eligible smile.amazon.com purchases.**



**Peter Mayer Live in Concert**  
**First Unitarian Church of Baltimore**  
**10 W. Franklin Street**  
**Baltimore, MD 21201**

**December 8, 2018**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

Admission: \$5 - \$25



Peter is known for his earth-conscious songs, including “**Blue Boat Home**” in our teal hymnal. This is a special opportunity, so don’t miss it.

See <https://firstunitarian.net/event/peter-mayer-live-in-concert/> for details.

**Money Matters Roundtable**  
**Monday, November 12**  
**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Type of event:** Webinar

**Sponsor:** Central East Region of the UUA

Join your Central East regional staff for a one hour open session on matters related to the financial ministry of your congregation. This time is unstructured “office hours,” intended to provide congregational leaders with a place to ask questions, seek or share resources, share stories of success and engage with others doing the financial work of our congregations.

No registration required. Just join us on zoom. Zoom Meeting ID: 609-792-9042

**Doing More with Less Webinar**  
**Monday, November 19, 2018**  
**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**Type of event:** Webinar

**Sponsor:** Central East Region of the UUA

Doing More with Less: Many congregational programs are facing reduced resources – for some it’s financial, for others it’s volunteers, and for many it’s both.

What adaptations make sense in challenging times and how do we balance that with our commitment to our stated program goals? With Patricia Infante, CER Congregational Life Staff and program manager for Lifespan Faith Development.

No registration required. Use the connection info below to join the meeting at the scheduled time. Zoom Meeting ID: 609-792-9042

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men's Group 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	2	3
4 Worship Service and Children's RE 10:00 - 11:00 am LH3 Leaf Raking 9:30 am Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 Choir Practice 7:30 - 9:30 pm	6  Polls open 7:00 am - 8:00 pm	7 Zoom Meeting: Post-election Get-together 6:00 pm (see church emails for details)	8	9	10 Conflict Resolution Workshop (time TBD)
11 Worship Service and Children's RE 10:00 - 11:00 am LH3 Meeting Veterans Day	12 Choir Practice 7:30 - 9:30 pm Veterans Day Observed	13 Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm	14	15	16	17 Men's Group 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Channing Auction 5:30 pm
18 Multi-generational Bread Service 10:00 - 11:00 am	19 Choir Practice 7:30 - 9:30 pm	20 Board Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm	21	22 Thanksgiving Day 	23 Groceries to Westside Shelter 6:00 - 7:30 pm 	24
25 Worship Service and Children's RE 10:00 - 11:00 am Youth Group Meeting	26 Choir Practice 7:30 - 9:30 pm	27 Transition Team meeting 7:00 - 9:00 pm	28	29	30	



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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.

**NURTURE Your Spirit.**  
**Help HEAL The World.**



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