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In the Interim June 2019

New Things

I am so excited for you and Pastor Jane! I know that many of you are planning to attend the watch party so that you’ll be able to see Pastor Jane’s ordination. I think that’s wonderful! And soon, she’ll be here with you, and you’ll begin your new adventure together.

You’ll be starting a new ministry together, and you’ll be in a new place, but you’ll still be Channing. You’ll still be in covenant with one another. Wherever you are, you’ll be the church.

I’ll be off, too. First I’ll be off to General Assembly in Spokane, and then I’m headed to England for my studies and a short vacation. And then I’ll be getting ready to head to my next ministry as well.

I’ll still be available for pastoral care needs through the end of July, but you won’t be seeing me around after June 9 for the most part.

You will always have a place in my heart. I hope to see some of you at GA – this year and in future years. I believe you can do great things.

And now, I suppose we both have some packing to do!

Go in peace, go in love, and go always in the footsteps of the Holy!

In shalom,
Pastor Madelyn

We are a Welcoming Congregation!



Wayside Pulpit

Where there is so much to be done . . . there must be something for me to do.

Dorothea Dix

Interfaith Liturgical Calendar

Interim Minister:

Pastor Madelyn Campbell

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Open ('19)

Open ('19)

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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

Send submittals for the July issue of *The Channing Connection* to newsshare@channingmc.org by **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2019.**

June

- 1 Laylat al Kadr (Islam)
- 5 Eid al Fitr begins (Islam)
- 8 Shavuot begins (Jewish)
- 9 Pentecost (Christian)
- 16 Guru Arjan martyrdom (Sikh)
- 16 Trinity Sunday (Christian)
- 21 Summer Solstice (Wiccan/Euro-pagan)

Board Bits



The May 14 Board meeting was mainly about space and finances. A music teacher would like to rent space from Channing over the summer. Diana is working with her to see if this arrangement can work.

The 2019-20 budget is being finished, but of course all expenses related to space are still unknown. The Annual meeting plans were finalized with all the roles being assigned.

Toni R. provided updates on her latest dealings with the Rumsey Road real estate agent and answered questions related to that process.

Sincerely,

Dan V., Board Scribe



President's Column

Happy summer! This month's article is a potpourri of items.

There's a joke that goes something like this. Why do UU's take off during the summer? Because God trusts them.

According to a [New York Times article](#) on the subject, the practice may have originated with Harvard's calendar. UU churches have since shifted away from the complete summer break as the nature of ministry has shifted. However, it is common in UU churches for summer services to be lay-led. Here at Channing, we schedule the minister's vacation and study leave in the summer. Our lay-led summer services offer a change of pace and a chance for us to get to know each other better. We also reconnect with the idea that the responsibility for ministry to each other and the wider community is shared between the professional minister and the congregation.

On the matter of our meeting space search, I find it helps with the anxiety to reflect on what makes us a church. Colleen, our rookie incoming board member, has already demonstrated her leadership chops. She sent me this reflection on the movie "Thor" which I share:

"The story is there are 9 realms in the universe - Earth is Midgard. Thor comes from Asgard. In the Ragnarok movie, the bad guy is intent on destroying Asgard and is successful. But the people of Asgard escape on space ships and comment that Asgard is not really destroyed because Asgard is not a place, it's a people."

Colleen's insight from this movie, shared with the board gathering with Pastor Jane, is that Channing is a people, not a place.

Finally, I'm hungry as I write this, and thinking of church potlucks and snack squads. I suggest we

take time this summer to perfect our skills for Pastor Jane's arrival. Or (hint, hint) invite the prez or another church friend over for lunch (hint, hint). A search for UU church recipes reveals this [no-knead rustic bread](#) from UU Congregation in Andover. There's also a delicious-looking [lentil chili with choco-late](#) recipe in a chili cook-off collection from the UU Fellowship of Winston-Salem. I'll share links to more recipes in future columns over the summer. No promises, but I may be able to extract a top-secret recipe or two out of the youth group from past Auction dinners; negotiation skills may work on the Fus for a soup recipe. (Finally, a reason to read my columns!)

In faith,

Julie



Have you joined Channing's Social Justice Outreach list yet?

Write to webmaster@channingmc.org. Once you have done that, or even if you have not, use the list to forward information and event details, etc. that you think others in Channing with similar interests might want to see. Just write to ignite@channingmc.org. We are looking forward to growing the list, and to growing Channing's reach in this sphere of the world.

Need to know more? Contact Ron M. or Angela L.

Official Pastor Jane Ordination Page

Invitation from Pastor Jane

Dear Channing Memorial Church,

With great excitement, I invite you to my ordination into Unitarian Universalist ministry. I am honored to receive the call to serve your church, and I want to share with you this next important milestone. The ordination will be held at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis in Minneapolis, MN on June 2 at 3pm. Your presence in body or in spirit is very meaningful to me. I am also planning on live streaming the ceremony to share with those who are joining from a distance. Simple good wishes are welcomed and treasured.

Warmly,

Pastor Jane



Pastor Jane and fans during Candidating Week



Special Collection for Pastor Jane

You are invited to contribute to a congregational gift for Pastor Jane in honor of her ordination.

On **Sunday, June 2, 2019**, a special collection will be taken during the service. The money obtained as a result will be donated to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Howard County, MD affiliate, in Pastor Jane's name.

Contributions will also be gratefully accepted during the ordination "watch party" later that afternoon.

Thank you,

Your Search Committee
Patrick, Lynne, Kris, Ken, Cathy & Bernie

"Watch Party" for Pastor Jane's Ordination!

Sunday, June 2 at 3:50 pm at church

If you can't fly to Minneapolis to see Pastor Jane's ordination, watch it in the Channing sanctuary with other Channing members and friends. We'll gather at 3:50 pm and will enjoy great seats as the event streams over both Facebook and the website of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis.

You can't celebrate on an empty stomach—refreshments will be served. We'll take a commemorative photo so Jane can see her Maryland fan club.

Join us as we cheer for Pastor, um, *Reverend* Jane as she takes the next step in her ministry.

— Ken H. and Cathy F.

June 2 Service Three-in-one!

Join us for

The Flower Ceremony:

bring a flower, take home a flower



RE Sunday: help us thank those who work with our children and youth

Bridging Ceremony: celebrate the transition of our youth from their high school experience into young adulthood

Farewell Potluck for Pastor Madelyn



Sunday, June 9 after the service

Let's join together to thank Pastor Madelyn Campbell for her year of Interim Ministry with us. Sunday, June 9th will be Pastor Madelyn's last day in the pulpit. After the service, we will share a finger food potluck and cake. Please bring your favorite finger foods to share with the group. The Transition Team will provide the cake!

Please plan to attend to wish Pastor Madelyn well as she leaves us for her next adventure!

Summer Services at Channing

Please join us for summer services at Channing Memorial Church every Sunday at 10:00 am! Services through the summer months will be shepherded by worship associates Anthony C., Pam E., Ostara H., and Virginia V. Additional speakers will be sprinkled into the mix throughout the summer.

Coming in June:

June 16: "Being Who You Are" with Virginia V. and Carroll C.

June 23: "Milestones" with Pam E.

June 30th: "Patterned Pilgrimage" with Ostara H.

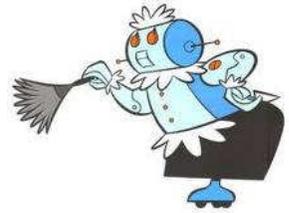
Stewardship Update

April Year to Date

Total Operating Income	\$129,535
Total Expenses paid	\$133,338
Difference	\$(3,803)

Volunteers Needed to Help Clean Our Church

Keeping our church clean is a big part of creating a welcoming and inviting space. Channing does not have a janitor or 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?



Please click on the link below to see the new signup.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4BAEAE28A3F58-cleaning4>

Questions or problems? Contact the Channing Facilities Team at facilities@channingmc.org

Thank You!

The Covenant Circle would like to thank everyone at Channing for participating in the April food drive. Together we collected 167 lbs of food for the Howard County Food Bank!!!

Special thanks to Kris T. for delivering the donations and to Ron M. for helping to carry it all into the food bank!

— Deanna G.



Join Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ)

Living a life of meaning requires that we take action where injustice persists. It is a core value. UUSJ's advocacy affords a unique and enviable opportunity to live that value. Our mission is to mobilize and amplify the voices of Unitarian Universalists as we seek to change the world through acts of love and justice. This year our policy emphasis is on (1) economic equality, (2) immigration reform, (3) climate justice, and (4) the integrity of our democratic process. Our regular presence in Washington D.C. enables a special purpose and methodology putting UU values into action.

UUSJ is your advocacy organization, your expression of UU principles in federal public policy. Please become a member [https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50780/p/salsa/donation/common/public/?donate_page_KEY=8091] to defend American democracy by lifting UU voices.



**From Beth Casebolt at the
Central East Region**

Several congregations have reported that their members are receiving scam emails that are requesting gift card donations for a charitable cause. Religious groups and congregations are becoming easy targets for these types of scams. .

The UUA has seen an increase in “phishing” attempts of all kinds. Phishing is a form of “social engineering,” whereby a hacker with bad intentions sends an email (or text or phone call) pretending to be someone the recipient trusts and asks the recipient to take an action which can have adverse effects. Sometimes, they request money. Other times, they invite the recipient to click a link or open an attachment that can trigger malicious code.

A good rule of thumb with emails you’re not expecting is to: (1) reach out to the sender through another channel (call, text, visit website) and (2) not click on a link (or send money, gift cards, etc.) without clarifying from the trusted source.

Hackers are getting more sophisticated every day. The best defense is to pause and look for warning signs before responding to any unsolicited email.

**Next "Final Friday" Potluck
and Game Night at Channing!**

**Friday, June 28
6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Bring a dish to share and a board/table game or, if it’s not a good week, just bring yourself.

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.

If you have any questions, see *Deanna G.*



**Together We Are
More We Are One
Annual Pride Prayer
Service**

Thursday, June 6 at 7 pm

St. Ignatius Catholic Church
740 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, 21202

We will give thanks for the gift of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters through music, readings, prayer and a spirit of gratitude. ALL are welcome!

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>2</i> 10 am Flower Service, RE Sunday and Bridging ceremony 3:50 pm “Watch Party” for Pastor Jane	<i>3</i> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 10 am Men’s Group at Bagel Bin	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> 10 am Sunday Service Farewell Potluck for Pastor Madelyn after service	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 10 am Men’s Group at Bagel Bin
<i>16</i> 10 am Sunday Service	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 7 pm Board of Trustees meeting	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> 10 am Sunday Service	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Groceries to Westside Shelter	<i>28</i> 6—9 pm Final Friday Potluck and Game Night	<i>29</i> 11 am—5 pm HoCo LGBTQ Festival
<i>30</i> 10 am Sunday Service	<i>31</i>					

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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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