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**We are a Welcoming Congregation!**



## Wayside Pulpit

An idea is a curious thing. It will not work unless you do.

*Jaeger's Facts*

## Farewell Pastor Madelyn



Cutting the cake with an attentive audience

On June 9, Pastor Madelyn preached in the Channing pulpit for the last time. After a church potluck and cake, she packed her diplomas, stoles and blue statue guy and rode off into the sunset.

After attending GA in Washington State and travelling to England (for school and a short vacation), Pastor Madelyn is headed to the wilds of Pennsylvania to begin her ministry at the UU Church of the Lehigh Valley. Thank you, Pastor Madelyn, for a great year!

## Update on Rental Space for Next Year

The board has made the decision to withdraw our letter of intent from the Rumsey Road rental property. The costs to Channing to meet County zoning and construction permit requirements were escalating beyond that which the church can afford.



We plan to meet for worship at Linden Hall (see page 2) for 9 to 12 months. We will find an office space for the minister. During this time, we will work together with Rev. Jane to form a long range plan for the church and our future space needs. Our search for rental space can then be more intentional, as opposed to a rushed search.

*Julie Fitzer*

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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)*

Send submittals for the August issue of *The Channing Connection* to [newsshare@channingmc.org](mailto:newsshare@channingmc.org) by **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2019.**

## Linden Hall, Ahoy!

Dear Channing Family,

I am writing to let you know that the board has signed a contract for us to meet at Linden Hall for worship services starting in September. The address is 4765 Dorsey Hall Dr, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

It is a very nice facility. We will have access to the entire building, including a kitchen, a large lobby area, and an outside patio area with tables. There is a large room for RE use as well as a room that we will use for worship.

For now, it is important that we all pitch in to pack and start to move items out that don't need to remain at Channing over the summer. Let's spread out the work so that it is not such a rush later on.

Thanks for all you do to support Channing.

*Julie*

### Channing on the Move



**June, July and August:** Sunday services and other church activities at Corporate Court.

**July and August:** Channingites start packing and storing church supplies to get ready for move out of Corporate Court.

**September:** Sunday services held at Linden Hall in Dorsey Search. We'll rent an office space for Reverend Jane and plan to worship at Linden Hall for 9-12 months while we search for a more permanent space.

Look for ways to support the church during this transitional time and remember, no matter where we meet, WE are Channing.

## President's Column



Congratulations, Channing, on calling a new minister. Now we've got a summer of lay-led worship services, packing, and moving ahead of us. That will require some fuel, so here are your "Recipes of the Month:"

My mind is on mushrooms today. Here's a recipe for [baked spaghetti squash with mushroom ragout](#) from UU Society East in Connecticut.

Some of you may remember that I offered an auction item two years ago for delivery of cold soups during the summer. My favorite of the soups that I made was this [watermelon and peach gazpacho](#).

In faith,

*Julie*

### Board Bits

The June 18 Board meeting covered two main topics, the 2019-20 budget and space rental expenses. The Board passed the 2019-20 budget, which will allow operating expenses for the new fiscal year to be paid. Toni R. and Ken H. gave updates on where we are with the Rumsey Road rental process. The Board is expecting to see the first offered lease in the next few days.

Every June there is a transition meeting, where we say thank you to Board members whose terms have ended and welcome to members joining the next Board. Tuesday we said thank you to Ostara for being our Treasurer for two years, while we welcomed Evelyn as our new Treasurer. We also welcomed Colleen Rathbun as a new At Large Board member. We are very excited to have Evelyn return to the Board and to have Colleen join for the first time.

Sincerely,  
*Dan V.*, Board Scribe

### Summer Pastoral Care

For emergency pastoral care needs during the rest of the month of June and July, please reach out to a member of the board or to the care team. The board or care team member will get in touch with the minister on call for you. Pastor Madelyn and two other area ministers will provide coverage during different weeks.



[careteam@channingmc.org](mailto:careteam@channingmc.org)  
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## ***Presto! Pastor Jane Becomes Reverend Jane***

On Sunday, June 2, Pastor Jane Smith was ordained at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis. Our very own Kris T. represented Channing at the ceremony.

In Maryland, the Channing watch party was a complete success—we ate, drank, chatted, and celebrated Rev. Jane, even though technical difficulties prevented us from watching the service online.

A link is now available for those wanting to see the special event.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXlzYaTSD6M&feature=youtu.be>

Congratulations, Rev. Jane!

### **Stewardship Update**

#### May Year to Date

<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$138,648</b>
<b>Total Expenses paid</b>	<b>\$147,802</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ (9,154)</b>

### **Summer Is Here!**



Remember to save water from travels this summer, or just from your own faucet during your “staycation.” We’ll bring our water to church in September as we start a new church year with Rev. Jane.

Of course, our worship associates are planning wonderful services over the summer, too. See you at church!



### **Welcome Music Teachers**

If you notice two new folks at the church carrying musical instrument cases, that would be **Brenda A.** and **Stacy H.** They are renting two of our classrooms to teach music lessons.

Brenda is giving violin/viola lessons on Wednesdays from 4—8 pm in our elementary school classroom. Brenda is the Concertmaster of the Columbia Orchestra.

Stacy is giving bassoon lessons throughout the summer in our middle school classroom. Stacy is the principal bassoonist of the Columbia Orchestra.

Both Stacy and Brenda are accepting new students of all ages.

For more information, please contact [facilities@channingmc.org](mailto:facilities@channingmc.org).

—Diana M.

## *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 July:**

July 7 "Packing Our Bags for an Adventure" with Bernie N.

July 14 "My Hero" with David F.

July 21 Labyrinth walk at Bon Secours with Ostara H.

July 28 "Be Still and Know" with Kathleen R.

## **From Your (Outgoing) Treasurer**

\*Via our special collections at the Sunday morning service and the "watch party" in the afternoon on June 2nd, the congregation contributed \$349 toward a gift, in Pastor Jane's name (in honor of her ordination) to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Howard County, MD affiliate



\*If you have any reimbursement requests you haven't yet submitted for the July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 fiscal year, please submit them ASAP, preferably by June 30th, and definitely by July 7th.

\*As we go on vacations over the summer, it's not unusual for monetary giving to stall a bit and kick start again in the fall. In the long term, the church's finances even out, but typically we experience a noticeable "liquidity slump" around August. Of course, you're free to fulfill pledges to the church on whatever schedule works for you throughout the year. However, if you're able to keep up with regular giving over the summer, it will help smooth our flow, and it would be appreciated.

Thank you!

*Ostara*



## Trash, Recycling and Composting at Channing

For those of you who are wondering how we dispose of the church bulletins, plastic containers, food scraps, paper plates etc., please read on.

**Blue** waste cans in classrooms and in library/church office. Used for recycling.

**Grey** waste can in classrooms and in library/church office. Used for trash.

**White** waste can in restrooms. Used for trash.

**Two tall** waste cans in kitchen. Used for trash.

After the service on Sundays, a team of dedicated volunteers collects the materials from all the waste cans. The **trash** is taken outside to the dumpster at the end of our building. The **recycling** is taken home by the volunteers. Our building does not offer recycling.

Joe and Steve also recently placed a resealable container on the counter for coffee grounds. Howard County offers many residents curbside compost pickup — they will take the coffee grounds home to include with weekly compost pickup from the county.

Composting reduces greenhouse gases (food scraps in the landfill create methane) and creates a usable product (compost is a great soil amendment that returns nutrients to gardens).

For more information about Howard County recycling: <http://FeedtheGreenBin.org>

— Joe and Steve

## Final Friday Potluck and Game Night Friday, July 26 6—9 pm



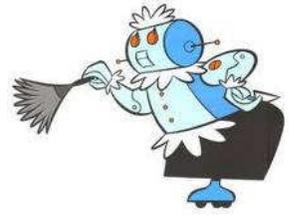
FFF: Final Friday Fun

Please join your fellow Channing members and friends on the final Friday of the month to share food, friendship, and fun! The next hoo-ha is July 26 from 6—9 pm.

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. Any questions, see *Deanna G.*

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

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



Write to [webmas-](mailto:webmaster@channingmc.org)

[ter@channingmc.org](mailto:ter@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](mailto: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.

### 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](https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50780/p/salsa/donation/common/public/?donate_page_KEY=8091) ] to defend American democracy by lifting UU voices.

# July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 4-8 pm Violin/viola lessons in elementary school classroom	<i>4</i> Independence Day	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10 am Sunday Service	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 10 am Men's Group at Bagel Bin	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 10 am Sunday Service	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 7 pm Board of Trustees meeting	<i>17</i> 4-8 pm Violin/viola lessons in elementary school classroom	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 10 am Men's Group at Bagel Bin
<i>21</i> 10 am Sunday Service	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Groceries to Westside Shelter	<i>26</i> 6—9 pm Final Friday Potluck and Game Night	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 10 am Sunday Service	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 4-8 pm Violin/viola lessons in elementary school classroom			

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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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