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**We are a Welcoming  
Congregation!**



## Wayside Pulpit

I will show thee my faith  
by my works.

*James 2:18*

## Summer Worship Services

We have a wonderful variety of summer worship services planned for Summer 2022. We are again partnering with Cedarhurst Unitarian Universalists to offer some virtual services, some outdoor activities, and a field trip!

Here is the list of planned services and events for the summer. All services and activities will begin at 10:30 a.m. More details will be provided for each service or event the week prior.

**July 3 - Travel the Trolley Trail #9** starting in Ellicott City; trail is fully accessible from Westchester entrance - <https://visitoldellicottcity.com/places/experience-the-trolley-trail/>

**July 10 - Virtual Worship Service via Zoom** - Channing will lead

**July 17 - Virtual Worship Service via Zoom** - Channing will lead

**July 24 - Virtual Worship Service via Zoom** - Channing will lead

**July 31 - Labyrinth Walk at Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center in Marriottsville, MD;** Center is accessible - <https://rccbonscours.com/services-amenities/our-grounds/>

**August 7 - Virtual Worship Service via Zoom** - Cedarhurst will lead

**August 14 - Visit Benjamin Banneker museum in Oella/Catonsville** - museum is fully accessible; some outdoor paths are accessible <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/countyparks/mostpopular/banneker/>

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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 24.**

**August 21 - Virtual Worship Service via Zoom** - Cedarhurst will lead

**August 28 - Virtual Worship Service via Zoom** - Channing will lead

**September 4 - In-person Worship Service and Picnic at Piney Run Park in Sykesville, MD** - we have rented a pavilion; pavilion, parking, and restrooms are fully accessible <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/recreation-parks/places-to-go/piney-run-park/>

**Rev. Jane’s Summer Schedule**



Rev. Jane will be out of the office this summer for study leave and vacation time. If any pastoral care needs arise during that time, please reach out to a member of the Board and they will direct you to either an on-call minister or to Rev. Jane. You can reach the Board at [channingboard@channingmc.com](mailto:channingboard@channingmc.com)

**Lectio Divina**

**July 12, 7:00 PM**

During the summer, through August, we meet on the 2nd Tuesday, 7-8 pm, of each month. **Next meeting is on Tuesday July 12. Join Channing members and meet others from the Charlestown retirement community.**

This ancient practice allows us the opportunity to delve deep into a chosen text. Each gathering we will focus on one poem. We will read through the selected text several times, with a different focus on every read-through. After each read through, we will pause for several minutes of silent reflection, which will be followed by each person sharing their unique reflection.

## Board Bits

June 21, 2022



The Board agreed to continue current policies regarding Covid: small groups may meet indoors without masks, provided that all participants are comfortable and that mask-wearing is always respected.

The Board received a report from the governance team. Recommendations were:

- We need an acting President for legal purposes by July 1;
- Consider reducing the size of the Board and requiring fewer meetings;
- Presidential and other Board responsibilities for the coming year can be discussed and divided up at the July Board Meeting.

The Board approved compensation packages for Rev. Jane and Stephen.

The operating budget for the 2022/23 church year was approved.

A motion was approved appointing Kris Tyssowski as Acting President for the 2022-2023 Church Year.

## Stewardship Update As of May 31, 2022

Total Operating Income	\$157,241
Total Operating Expense	131,406
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	\$ 25,835

## Canvass Update



We received 36 pledges for 2022-23 totaling \$157,156, which is more than our goal !! Thank you for your support of Channing Memorial Church's mission and ministries. Great work!



## Strawberry Social!

Channing people gathered at Park Ave. on June 25 for strawberry shortcake (and more) to celebrate the start of summer. Thanks to organizers *Nancy H.* and *Ostara H.* for a great event!

## Update From the Afghan Refugee Resettlement Team

The work of the Afghan Refugee Resettlement Team had been unfolding quickly! Here is a summary of what has been happening and how you can help.

Recently Luminus Network for New Americans directed us to a young Afghani couple, and their 20-month-old son, where we were able to deliver a few pieces of furniture, as well as some kitchen items that they needed. The family lives in North Bethesda. This connection led to conversations with the family, and we became aware of some of their needs and the great difficulties in meeting them.

To date, in addition to the furniture and kitchen items, we have been able to provide them with clothing, a cell phone, a car seat, table cloths and a clock. We are currently assisting the father in getting a US driver's license. The family is very kind and generously serves us delicious snacks or meals whenever we have been to their home to assist them.

Meeting this family, and becoming aware of their needs, has opened the door to some opportunities for giving that can only be met with the combined efforts of the members and friends of the Channing community.

This family is looking for a sewing machine: From what we understand, the mother is very good at sewing, and the sewing machine might be able to play a role in a future source of income. It needs to be in good working order, preferably having undergone a recent "tune-up" at a sewing store. The family currently cannot transport it to the store for repairs, nor do they have the means to pay for any needed repairs.

The family would also benefit from having a computer.

At this time, there is no more room in the storage unit for furniture, although we could fit a few more boxes of household goods and kitchen things. We will contact Luminus about connecting us with additional families who need furniture. We'll update you about the things the new families need, how to get them to us, and other relevant details as things develop.

Donations do not have to be new, but they should be clean, in good shape, and not in need of any repairs. Everything we have donated to this family, except the car seat, has been second-hand. They are grateful for everything.

Thank you all for your current and future generosity,

*Afghan Refugee Resettlement Team - Angela, Toni, Kris, and Jim*

## SoulCollage

Each month the SoulCollage® group spends an afternoon letting our intuition and imagination guide us to select images from magazines, creating collage cards with those images, and then reflecting on what spiritual and life lessons our created cards have to give us. SoulCollage® is a creative but not artistic activity that is accessible to everyone! If you're curious to try out SoulCollage®, contact Kris T. We would love to have you join us! (Online on **Saturday July 2 and then on Saturday August 13, both at 1:30-4:30pm**)

## Channing Book Club July 30

The next Meeting of the Book Club will be on July 30. There will be no June meeting. The book is **The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish**. Click here for more information:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/rachel-kadish/the-weight-of-ink/>

In September we will read Peach Blossom Spring by Melissa Fu. We are currently scheduled to meet on **Sept. 10**.

What's on your book list? Or a poem or essay? Would you like to make it a selection for the book club so you can have good conversation about it? Let Ken H. know what you are thinking about, and contact Ken with any questions.

## Men's Group

Thursday, July 7  
and  
Saturday July 16th  
10 a.m.



Everyone is welcome to join the men on July 7th. We look forward to meeting back at the Bagel Bin when feasible in the coming months. Comments welcome.

The men's group meets on the first Thursday and the third Saturday of the month. On Zoom. All are welcome. Email *Ken H.*

## Young Adults Game Night and Virtual Potluck July 6

The **Young Adult Game Night and virtual potluck** meets every first Wednesday of the month **from 7 to 9**. We'll have games and conversation. Anyone in their 20's, 30's and 40's welcome.

This event is open to the public and folks are encouraged to share this event with anyone who may be interested. Contact Patrick B. for information.

# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Covenant Circle 9:30 am-12:00 pm Membership Tm 2:00 pm Outreach Comm. 6-7	<b>2</b> SoulCollage 1:30-4:30 pm
<b>3</b> Worship Ser- vice 10:30 am	<b>4</b> Independence Day 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Space Search Mtg 5-6 pm  Young Adult Game Night 7:00-9:00	<b>7</b> Men's Group 10 :00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>8</b> Worship Team Mtg. 1:30 - 3:00 pm	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Worship Ser- vice 10:30 am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> LDNC Mtg 5:30-7:30 pm  Lectio Divina 7:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>13</b> Stewardship Meeting 7:00 -8:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Covenant Circle 9:30 am-12:00 pm	<b>16</b> Men's Group 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
<b>17</b> Worship Ser- vice 10:30 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Board Meet- ing 7:00 - 9:00 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Worship Ser- vice 10:30 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Covenant Circle 9:30 am-12:00 pm	<b>30</b> Channing Book Club 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
<b>31</b> Worship Ser- vice 10:30 am						

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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 a common spiritual center from Jewish and Christian roots while drawing 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.

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



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