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**We are a Welcoming
Congregation!**

Wayside Pulpit

It is easy to love the perfect;
The challenge is to love the
seemingly imperfect.

Summer Worship at Channing Memorial Church

This summer, the Channing Worship Team will continue to provide thoughtful and inspiring worship services on almost every Sunday. Highlights will include voices from both within and outside of our Congregation, including Pam El-Dinary's auction sermon, David Fu's delicious "leftovers" sermons, and Ostara Holyoak's final sermon as a Worship Associate (kudos to Ostara, who has served on the team for 15 years!).

There will be three (3) Sundays on which regular worship service will not be held:

- **July 7th**, which is the weekend of the 4th of July Holiday
- **July 28th**, which will be a Summer Social event held at the Church
- **September 1st**, which is the weekend of the Labor Day Holiday

On the Sundays of July 7th and September 1st, there will be no worship service, and there are currently no plans for any kind of gathering. If you would like to organize a gathering, (examples from the past include hikes, labyrinth walks, social gatherings, etc., etc., etc.), please let the liturgy team (worship@channingmc.org) know soon so we can help publicize these gatherings. If there are no takers, we can all just enjoy a Sunday off.

In any case, we look forward to seeing you this summer at Church!

Love,
The Worship Team

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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

Please send submittals for the August 2024 issue of *The Channing Connection* to newsshare@channingmc.org by **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2024.**

Rev. Jane's Summer Schedule

Rev. Jane will be gone for much of the summer for study leave and vacation. She will be out of the office from June 30 to August 7.

If any pastoral care needs arise during this time, please reach out to the Board and they will connect you to either an on-call minister or to Rev. Jane. The Board can be reached at channingcboard@channingmc.org.

July Worship at Channing Memorial Church

July 7th – No worship service – July 4th holiday weekend.
July 14th – Paula Linn with Ostara Hollyoak. Working title: Bridging Differences.
July 21st – “Leftovers” with David Fu.
July 28th – Informal “open mic” service and social time. Details forthcoming.

2nd Sunday Collection

Our 2nd Sunday collection will be for Neighbor Network for both July and August. On July 14th and August 11th we will be collecting financial donations and school supplies.

Neighbor Network is a very small grassroots non-profit based in western Howard County. The founder, Karen Mobley, for many years has organized a school supply collection, food for Thanksgiving, and food and gifts for Christmas. For July and August, we will be supporting the school supply collections which she does in connection with the Howard County school system.

UUtheVote 2024 Campaign

Join other UUs in the DC, MD and VA region as we seek to increase voter participation during this coming national election cycle. We will have the opportunity to write postcards, send text messages and make phone calls via text and phone banking. Watch this space and look out for email messages and maybe an occasional pulpit announcement. Also, visit our Channing justice website at <https://jimcal87.wixsite.com/channingjustice/general-4>



For more information, contact Jim Caldiero at jimcal87@gmail.com

Sunday Church Roles Signup Open through August!

Please [use this link](#) to give us a hand with everything that makes the weekly worship service run.

If you have any questions or need help signing up, please email me. Thank you!

-- *Cathy Fu*



June Board Bits



The Board reviewed and approved the 24-25 Fiscal Year Budget. The Board also discussed the cost of an architect preparing drawings for county review for proposed bathroom renovations.

We have a great opportunity to apply for a grant through Chalice Lighters to help fund the bathroom renovations. If you want to help in this important work, let Angela or one of the board members know!

Rev. Jane and Angela attended General Assembly 2024 which was entirely virtual. They will share highlights of the event in the future.

Stewardship update Year-to-date as of May, 2024

General Operating Fund

Total Operating Income	\$ 163,341
Total Operating Expense	<u>-166,290</u>
Difference	-2,949



Channing Book Club

We meet on the second Saturday of the month, normally. See below. **We meet at the new office in the “Square” at 10 a.m. weather permitting.** We’ll fall back to zoom **if** the weather is not friendly. Notice will be sent out if we make this change.



Please let Ken H know at least three days in advance, or more, if you would like to participate by Zoom session.

For July 13 – **Prodigal Summer** by Barbara Kingsolver

What’s on your book list?

Would you like to make it a selection for the book club so you can have good conversation about it? Let Ken Hart know what you are thinking about, and contact Ken with any questions.

Introducing Ourselves to Our Neighbors



We wish to make ourselves known to residents of the neighborhood around our church meeting place. *Bernie Nebel* has prepared flyers with essential information. Now is the time for volunteers, preferably male-female pairs, to visit homes (only 6-7 homes after church), and deliver a personal invitation, (with or without an “elevator talk”).

If you are willing to or interested in participating in this service please see Bernie after our service, or call him at 410-314-9024. He will provide further information, fliers, and assignments to particular homes. This is an effort that will be ongoing for the spring months.



Men's Group

**Wednesday, July 10 (10 am - 12 pm) on Zoom
and In-person July 18 (10 - 11:30 am)**



Everyone is welcome to join the men at either or both of these events. For the zoom meeting on **July 10**, a link will be sent out via the distribution list for the group. If you are not on that list and are interested, check with Ken Hart via email.

The **July 18** gathering will be at **Roggenart** on Rt. 40 east of Bethany Lane, at 10:00 am. **Please email Ken Hart if you intend to attend.** We need enough responses to make this happen.

Young Adults Game Night



The Young Adults Game Night meets every **first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.**

We'll have games and conversation. Anyone in their 20's, 30's and 40's is welcome.

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


Young Adult Small Group

Each month, our conversations range from imagination to courage to vulnerability. Before each gathering, we engage in individual reflection guided by a monthly Soul Matters packet. Delving deep into our reflections each month leads to meaningful conversation, and the prep work offers thoughts to reflect on between our gatherings.

We gather the **third Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm** for dinner and conversation. Young Adults include anyone in their 20s, 30s or 40s. It is always a good time, and we would love for you to join us!



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Young Adult Game Night 7:00-9:00 pm	4 Fourth of July 	5 Membership Team 2:00 pm Outreach Team 6:30-7:30 pm	6
7 No Worship Service	8	9 LDNC Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm	10 Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:30 pm on Zoom Men's Group on Zoom 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	11	12 Covenant Circle 9:30 am Worship Team 1:30-3:00 pm	13 Channing Book Club 10:00 am- 12:00 pm
14 Worship Service 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	15	16 Board Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm	17 Young Adult Group 7:00- 9:00 pm	18 Men's Group 10:00 - 11:30 am at Rogge- nart	19	20
21 Worship Service 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm	22	23	24 Committee on Ministry 6:30-8:30 pm	25	26 Covenant Circle 9:30 am	27
28 No Worship Service / Informal "open mic" service	29	30	31			

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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.

We meet at 9122 Sybert Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Our Sunday worship service begins at 11:00 am.

Directions from the North on Route 29: Take Route 29 to Route 100 East, take first Exit Long Gate Parkway to stop sign (keep left at split). When traffic is clear, go straight across to Meadowbrook Lane, past the Park and Ride to the stop sign, turn right onto Sybert Drive. The church will be on your right.

Directions from the South on Route 29: Take Route 29 to Route 108, head East on Route 108 to first traffic light (Bendix Road), turn left onto Edgar Road; at stop sign turn right, then in two blocks turn left onto Parkvale Road. Continue to stop sign, then turn left onto Sybert Drive. The church will be on your right.