

Universalist Anchor



Words by Rev Lillie

Joyous, spiritual, love-filled music is one of the vital components of a fulfilling worship service. The growth of our church requires a vibrant music ministry. As our moderator announced in his "Message from the Moderator," we have a talented and dynamic, newly-hired music director. But now, we need singers and choir members.

We need you to sing in our choir if you:

- Love to sing
- Have sung in a choir before
- Took music lessons when you were young
- Love to sing
- Take music lessons now
- Sing better standing beside a strong section leader (as I do!)
- Love to sing

We need you in our music ministry if you believe that God is calling you to share your gifts with this beloved community.

We also need church members and friends who have other musical talents to participate in our music ministry in ways other than singing! If you play any instrument, we need you.

The musical tradition of UNMC has always been one of excellent, well-presented and spiritually meaningful religious music. It is my understanding that it has included music from the traditional and classical genres, spirituals and gospel, instrumental, accompanied, and *a capella*.

We want to continue that tradition of excellence, while we also broaden the repertoire of our music ministry. We want more diversity in musical styles and sources, in order to better reflect the diversity of our congregation. We seek to create a music ministry that meets the needs of everyone who comes to Sunday services.

My dream, as your pastor, is for our music ministry to offer music that touches the hearts of as many of us as possible each Sunday. I know how difficult it is to satisfy the needs of every one every Sunday, but over time, we can have music that touches everyone's heart on any given Sunday.

I want us to have music that speaks of our yearning for God and expresses our gratitude for God's love for us, and music that inspires us to make a difference in the world and encourages us to share God's love with others. I want music that makes our hearts leap and our souls sing. Most of all, I want our music to enrich our lives—to

give us what we need to be the kind of people that God would have us be.

Studies show that joy-filled churches grow, and our music ministry can help make the difference in our growth.

My prayer, and my hope for our beloved congregation, is that as we enter this new church year with a wonderful, new music director, we will begin to see how music can not only help us grow as a congregation, but help us grow as a religious people.

See you in church!

Pastor Lillie

Back-to-School—Back-to-Church

Rally Sunday, September 9, 11:00

Bring-a-Friend

We begin our new church year the second Sunday in September. Bring-a-friend to church and stay for our picnic on the grounds. The Board and the Welcome & Membership committee will provide the eats and the atmosphere for a joy-filled, exciting new beginning.

Religious Education

Religious Education (R.E.) begins on Sunday, September 23, in an intergenerational setting. The nursery will be available for newborn through 4 years. Please fill out the registration form found in the church foyer. If you are interested in a "Coming of Age" program, please speak directly with Pastor Lillie.

The R.E. curriculum for this year was created in-house by Jennifer Sandberg and former Pastor Wells and debuted at UNMC five years ago. It explores Universalism in all its uniqueness. Universalist history is well-covered. In addition, Bible stories are introduced with the church year in mind, e.g. Advent and Lent.

Now that may sound dry and academic but actually it's joyful, loving and this will be a fun year. Teachers include Ms Sandberg, Sally Segal, and Mike Dillon. Substitute teachers are requested as we surely will look for guests who have special knowledge and talents to share. Of course, though we all like perfect attendance on Sundays, we can certainly accommodate irregular schedules. Just let us know and we'll be glad to help!

Please contact Sally Segal at 703-455-4924 if you have any questions. And yes, we are still collecting Box Tops for Education . . . the little box in the foyer is filling up! Thank you, and see you in class!

Mike Dillon

MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

I want to thank everyone for their participation in Church activities during the summer months and for keeping our tradition of informality during the “dog days” of Washington.

While many of us have taken well-deserved sabbaticals, many others have maintained the normal flow of our services. To everyone, thank you.

On Rally Sunday, September 9th, we will welcome everyone back to the church for an exciting year, including our new Music Director, Joseph G. Lawson. Joe comes to us with a tremendous music repertoire, great enthusiasm, and a desire to bring new vitality to our music ministry. He received his Doctoral of Music Arts from the Manhattan School of Music and received his Bachelors of Music from the University of Southern California. He has worked with the Washington Concert Opera, Duquesne University, the Pittsburgh Opera and the Portland Opera, just to name a few affiliations in his impressive resume. But most importantly, Joe is eager to work with our Minister and the congregation to continue the deep and diverse tradition of music within the UNMC family. I hope you all have an opportunity to meet Joe this fall and welcome him to our home.

To Donna Simonton, who faithfully and gracefully ministered to this congregation as interim music director, we thank her for the service that she provided to our church. It is much appreciated.

Finally, thanks to all UNMC members who completed the questionnaire regarding the McKim organ. This fall the Board will be discussing the best path forward based on the congregational meetings this spring. If you have not yet completed the survey, there is still time to do so. Just drop it in the mail or by the office so we can have your input.

Pastor (the Reverend) Lillie, fresh from her vacation, is raring to go. I trust this fall we will be there for her, as she will be for us.

Welcome back to all.

Dave Gatton

From Welcome and Membership

Sunday, September 30, after church, we'll have a “**Get to Know UNMC**” class. Lunch will be provided. Rev. Henley invites everyone who wants to know more about the church. Members and friends of the church will share with newcomers' church history, current committees and activities, and opportunities for service.

The Explorers Class, held Sunday, August 26, was a great success. Eight newcomers and our Deacon Richard Hurst participated. They watched an interesting video on UU history and then shared lunch and their personal religious journeys.

If you are new to Unitarian Universalism, look for the next Explorers Class, in November.



Chancel Flowers

Mary Templeton, Coordinator
(202) 333-5059

September 2: Chancel flowers are given in memory of Florence and Jack Brooks by Evelyn B. and Jim Rowse.

September 9: In loving celebration of the wedding anniversaries of the young adults in her family, chancel flowers are given for Heather and Kyle and Kelly and Darin, by Rev. Henley.

September 16: Chancel flowers are given in honor of their parents, Audrey and Alton Templeton, and Ruth R. and James L. Salmon, by Mary S. and Al Templeton.

September 23: Communion Sunday

September 30: Chancel flowers are given in memory of H. Jerome Graham, organist emeritus, by his daughter Sally and son-in-law Douglas Simon.

BIBLICAL SCHOLAR TOPS UUCF REVIVAL PROGRAM NOV. 1-4

This year's Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship Revival will feature Biblical scholar Rev. John Dominic Crossnan, presenting three lectures on the world, mission, and message of the Apostle Paul. The newly renovated West Shore UU Church in suburban Cleveland will host this event Thursday, Nov. 1, through Sunday, Nov. 4. A group from UNMC is talking about driving up together; please contact Sue Mosher if you're interested in driving or sharing a ride. There is a discount on the full registration fee if you register before Oct. 1. Full details are available on the Revival web site at <http://www.uuchristian.org/revival/>.

JPD WOMEN AND RELIGION ANNUAL RETREAT

October 12-14, 2007

Friday dinner through Sunday lunch
A WEEKEND TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

led by Barbara Vaughn and Heather Gehron-Rice

During this weekend we will take the heritage from the women in our lives and look at where we are and where we want to go from here. We will decide what needs to change and then design a road ahead to move our lives in the direction that expresses our essential selves. The weekend is based on the book, *A Weekend to Change Your Life* by Joan Anderson. There will be alone time, sharing time, and plenty of encouragement and support from other women. Come and enjoy a weekend of relaxation with women of like mind as we learn and grow together. St. Raphaela Center, Haverford, PA. For more information contact Kay Woods at woods7777@aol.com or 717-424-2830, or at www.jpdw.org.

Reverend Henley's Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 10-4

All other times by appointment

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LELAND PLACE

Leland Place Goes Vegetarian

The men of Leland Place and UNMC volunteers on Saturday August 18 enjoyed a vegetarian repast featuring pasta fagioli (pronounced "fazool") -- a savory stew of pasta, pinto beans, tomatoes, carrots, onions and celery. A salad, crusty bread and just-out-of-the-oven apple crisp topped with vanilla ice cream rounded out the much-appreciated and well-attended dinner.

Thanks to volunteers Angela Khaminwa, Catherine Robbins, Beth Wenger, Helineh Muniu, and Marti Martinson.

Leland, a facility of S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) on North Capitol Street, is a halfway house for men recovering from homelessness and addictions.

Join us for our next dinner on Saturday Sept. 15. We gather in the kitchen in the basement of the church and serve the dinner at Leland at about 5:30 p.m. If you are interested, please RSVP to Dave Skidmore at 703-237-2145 or dave_skidmore@cox.net. Participants generally share the cost of the meal, usually between \$15 and \$25 per volunteer. If you don't have the funds but would still like to volunteer your time, let Dave, or Pastor Lillie, know.

SHARING OUR PLATE

Each month we share 10% of our free-will plate collection with a non-profit organization that works in our neighborhood and gives to those in need. For September, the recipient of Sharing Our Plate will be Martha's Table. Martha's Table's mission is to serve the needs of the less fortunate in the Washington, DC community through food, learning, healthy living, recreational and family support services. Explore its programs at www.marthastable.org. Martha's Table Children, Youth and Family Programs provide over 300 children and youth with meals and supervised learning and literacy activities. [McKenna's Wagon](#), a seven-days-a-week mobile soup kitchen, feeds more than 1200 hungry and homeless people at many locations in Washington, DC. [Martha's Outfitters](#), a newly redesigned clothing center, provides free and low cost clothing, linens, toiletries and children's supplies to those in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 1: 5:30—6:30 p.m. Vespers

Monday, September 10: 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Saturday, September 15: Leland Place Ministry, 3 p.m. in the church kitchen

Sunday, September 16: Worship committee meeting to plan Sept 30 service. Come share your favorite hymn with the committee or contact acting committee chair Lisa Harris at clairraven99@yahoo.com or (240) 296-2398. All are welcome at the meeting.

Sunday, Sept 30: "Get to Know UNMC" class after church; lunch provided.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Summer worship schedule at 10:30 continues through September 2. Regular service times of 11:00 a.m. begin again **September 9**

September 2 "Pick Me, Pick Me First; I Want to Be First!" Our culture demands perfection and high-energy performance. We grow up thinking we have to complete all the time. What would it be like if we looked at life differently? Rev. Henley preaching.

September 9 Rally Sunday with Picnic on the Grounds "What Is the Cost of Our Relationship with God?" What do we leave behind when we follow Jesus' teaching? Is anything every free? Is there any relationship to the cost and to Buddha's practice of non-attachment? Rev. Henley preaching.

September 16 Do we recognize our Universalist heritage when we read the Bible? "Looking for the Lost Sheep" is the classic example of our Universalist religion. Rev. Henley's sermon today will emphasize the grace-filled life we are offered and the challenges of living our Universalist heritage.

September 23 Lord's Prayer Service

How many different ways are there to say the Lord's prayer? What is the meaning for us as a church and as individuals? "Is Jesus' Prayer Meaningful Today?" Especially to those of us who are gender-conscious?

September 30 "Hymnal Sunday"

The worship committee is planning a service centered on our congregational hymns. Music, more than anything else, touches our hearts in the blink of an eye. We want our music here at UNMC to make a difference in all our lives. If you have a favorite hymn, send it to Lisa Harris,



BOX FOR SUPPLIES FOR GREEN DOOR

We will have a box in our church to collect supplies for the Green Door which is in our neighborhood and has been a sharing-our-plate recipient. Lillie asked them if there were any school supply needs. Twenty are learning to read or are preparing to take the high school equivalency exam (GED). Requests for student supplies include **pocket-sized dictionaries, pencils, pens, notebooks, notebook dividers, yellow highlighters, loose leaf paper, bookbags.**

Ten students work or have classes during lunch time. To keep their energy up, they would like them to have a healthy snack handy: **granola bars, dried or packaged fruit/nut snacks, bottled water.**

They also have three students that are newly enrolled in college math courses who could use a **graphing calculator**, such as a Texas Instruments calculator.

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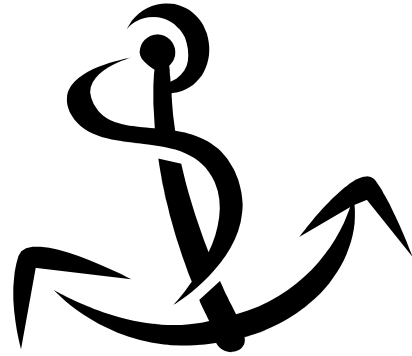
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Our Mission (adopted May 2002)

We create a loving community
for worship and service
in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

We welcome all and respect individual beliefs as we grow
together



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