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**Benefit Concert
with
DC Blues Legend
Robert Lighthouse**

Friday, April 16, 8-11pm
Universalist National Memorial Church
1810 16th St. NW, WDC
(corner of 16th and S. St NW)
Green Line U, St/Red Line Dupont
Circle

**\$5-\$50 donation requested
(Tax receipt upon request)**

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SHARING OUR PLATE— HOUSE OF RUTH

This month 10% of our Sunday offering plat will be donated to House of Ruth. Their mission statement::

House of Ruth helps women, children and families in greatest need and with very limited resources build safe, stable lives and achieve their highest potential. We serve women, children and families who are striving to overcome childhood trauma, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health disorders and substance abuse. House of Ruth provides nurturing, structured, safe housing and caring, consistent, individualized services in order to capitalize on the participants' strengths such as courage and resiliency.

An Overview

House of Ruth helps women, children and families in greatest need and with very limited resources to build safe, stable lives and achieve their highest potential. We serve women, children and families who are striving to overcome domestic violence, homelessness, mental health disorders and substance abuse.

Underlying their problems is the women's experiences of neglect and abuse.

Not every little girl who is abused grows up to be homeless and a victim of domestic violence, with mental health and/or addiction problems. However, the reverse is true. At House of Ruth, nearly all of the women we serve are survivors of abuse and neglect in childhood, followed by a lack of positive, supportive relationships in adulthood, as well as a high incidence of domestic violence.

At our 13 locations ([House of Ruth Organizational Chart](#)) in Washington, DC, House of Ruth is working with more than 600 women and children at any given time. Six of our 11 service-enriched locations house 76 families comprised of 76 mothers and their children. Five of our locations house 109 women. Seventy-six children are provided developmental day care while their families are provided case management assistance at our *Kidspace Child and Family Development Center*. Our *Domestic Violence Support Center* counselors assist more than 400 women each year.

From The Heart

~ Pastor Lillie

If you ever wonder how I can empathize with you about your challenges and sorrows, know that I, too, have had plenty of both for a life time, and I'm still above ground!

Seriously, though, I have lived long enough to know that those things—challenges and sorrows—give us opportunities of which we probably never conceived.

Within two weeks of my mother's death, that voice within said, "Are you going to die too and not answer your call to minister?" An aside: I gave flowers on Easter in memory of Margueritte. She would have liked that. I did so, because the longer I live my life without her, the more I appreciate all that she did for me and taught me.

I told someone today, "How else would we know how wonderful joy is without the sorrows?" If we allow even the little things that challenge us to enhance our emo-



Rev. Henley reads our Opening Reading on Palm Sunday before the congregation processes into the Sanctuary for worship.

tional and spiritual well-being, we become stronger.

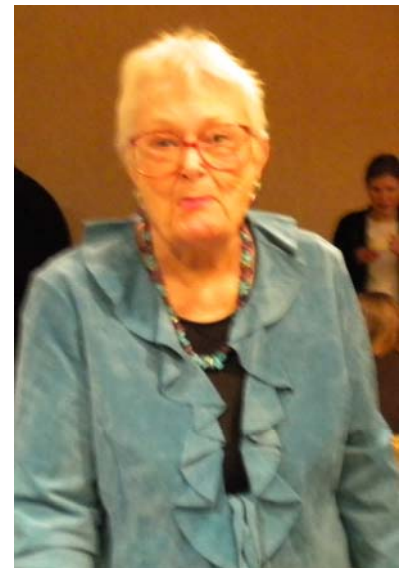
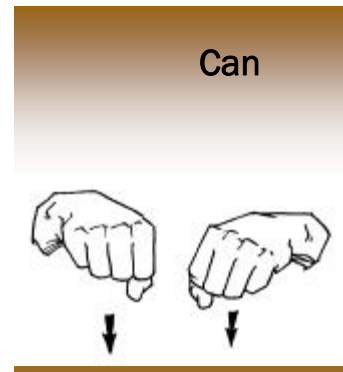
There is no thing that can happen to us or that we do in our lives that can diminish us—everything happens for the "good of God."

See you in church

Janice Rosen is always willing to facilitate a class on American Sign Language. If you and three other people want to learn, please send her an email to

library_deaf_dc@yahoo.com

If anyone wants to learn our "Declaration of Faith" in sign language, let Pastor Lillie know.



Lynn and Bill Fox and Bill's brother David, who for years volunteered as an usher on Sunday mornings. Bill is the President of St. Lawrence University, a historically Universalist school. These were taken at the Wiley Reception at Ft. Myer. To the right is Jean Wiley,

A CHURCH SORROW AND A JOY

Arthur Wiley, Jr., was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on March 26. He had passed away suddenly at his home in Sante Fe, NM, on January 10.

At the time of his death, Art had been a member of UNMC for 61 years. Survivors include his wife, Jean, a UNMC member for 51 years, who is moving into a smaller home with the help of family and friends.

The funeral brought our *Minister Emeritus* Rev.

Dr. William (Bill) H. Fox, his wife Lynn, and his brother David to town.

Bill conducted the graveside service.

In the midst of the sorrow, the Foxes joined us on Palm Sunday, for our 80th Anniversary!

The Foxes stayed for hospitality until they had to leave for the airport. I hope many newcomers were able to meet them.

LELAND PLACE DINNER - MARCH 20

On Saturday, March 20 (undoubtedly the most gorgeous day so far of 2010), Jerry, John, and Marti met in the Perkins Hall kitchen and cooked up comfort food for the men of Leland Place: two kinds of 15-Bean soup (one with ham hocks and one with turkey sausage); two kinds of spicy, baked chicken wings (one with Spicy Buffalo Sauce and one with Spicy Garlic and Lime....did I mention they were spicy?); a huge salad with two lettuces, two field greens, two peppers, two dressings, and two croutons - are you sensing our diversity

yet? Crusty, chewy bread and iced tea rounded off the meal, but the men were truly appreciative of those ice cream & cookie sandwiches! You really have to experience the gratitude they show us when we arrive and then eat with them. They clean up afterward - what could be better?

So Others May Eat (SOME) operates Leland Place. They provide comprehensive addiction recovery services to homeless men who are ready, with the support of SOME staff, to break the cycle of addiction and homelessness. While living

at Mickey Leland Place, clients continue their recovery, are tutored in basic life and job readiness skills, and search for long-term housing. These programs boast excellent completion rates, with approximately 80% of clients finishing the program and securing long-term housing.

UNMC volunteers cook for them every third. You can donate time, money, talent, or any combination thereof. Please see Deacon David Skidmore for details.

SOCIAL ACTION ~ APRIL 16

. As agreed at our last meeting we will host the following benefit concert as our contribution to the people of Haiti on Friday April 16. DC Blues Legend Robert Lighthouse back from Sweden and in DC for April has agreed to play for Haiti. Robert has a following in the DC area and we hope to have a great crowd. This builds on our successful fundraiser for Haiti last summer where we split the proceeds between AMURT and Lambi Fund of Haiti. We will also plan to do another fundraiser for Jambo Africa Child Hope in May after church.

Blues for Haiti Benefit Concert with DC Blues Legend Robert Lighthouse (in DC for April only)

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PALM SUNDAY AND OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY

WOMEN'S GROUP—WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN

Women, we are relevant to each other at any stage of life ~ wherever we are ~ we are all beautiful and we all need each other. Let us embrace each other and create a support system, find where we can belong with others who can support us, socialize and help de-stress. Are you wondering about getting a mate, raising children, the roller coaster ride of a lifetime partnership like marriage or

health concerns specific to women? Love, Relationships, Children, Women's Health ...

What can we give each other?

Beautiful older women, would you like to mentor and share with younger women?

Beautiful younger women, would you like to be a part of a larger community of experienced older women and see that you will al-

ways be relevant?

We are one.

BOW, Beautiful Older Women, is a group of women supporting women.

Interested? Contact Adelaide via email

WomenSupporting-Women@yahoo.com

or 703-517-2672



TEN SAME-SEX COUPLES MARRY AT UNMC

Ten happy couples walked down the aisle at UNMC on March 9, the first day when same-sex couples could legally wed in Washington, DC, after being married by their minister, the Rev. Liz Lerner of the [UU Church of Silver Spring](#).

To see local news coverage, with lots of smiles and applause, visit [Gay Couples from Maryland Marry in DC](#)

Hundreds of UUCSS members and friends -- including many

young children dressed in their finest to witness history being made -- attended the weddings and enjoyed a reception in Perkins Hall, which was packed to capacity.

UUCSS is UNMC's "daughter" church, having been planted more than 50 years ago by UNMC members who wanted to take Universalism's message of God's all-encompassing love to the growing Washington suburbs.

Brides and brides with their children, grooms and grooms with their families. Some relatives and friends flew in for the ceremonies from as far away as Colorado and Maine.



MUSICAL NOTES

My how time flies. It seems like yesterday I was performing in "Treemonisha". Now that it is over I am both happy and sad. I'm happy that the critics were generous in their evaluation of my performance and sad that the my new family members have gone their separate ways. This is always the downside of any production. I just celebrated my 190th production and my 57th operatic role. This is no mean feat for someone who just wants to live long enough to see his 40th birthday. LOL! Yeah Right!

As the choir gears up for the rest of the season we rejoice as well as shed a tear due to transitions. Both Shawn and Devry will be missed due to their time restraints and health issues. We will miss them but they know that they are always welcomed back. We are also saddened by the departure of "Our Joyce". Joyce Lundy will be singing in Porgy and Bess for the Virginia Opera. We will keep you posted as to the dates that Joyce will be performing on tour in the DC area. All is not lost because Joyce will be back now and then for special musical occasions. We sincerely wish her all the best. She will be missed.

I would personally like to openly share my thanks and appreciation for having

Elaine Kass as a member of our musical family.

Elaine is a real asset. Perhaps you would like to know more about Dr. Elaine Kass. Well this is what our spies have found out...

Elaine W. Kass was born in Chicago IL; her parents were Polish Americans. Elaine was raised a Catholic, and has been a member of Catholic, Moravian and Presbyterian congregations. She completed her academic degrees at Morgan State University-2007, University of Minnesota-1971 and Marquette University-1969. She is a Professor in the Communication and Theatre Department at Prince George's Community College since 1971. Dr. Kass has authored 3 textbooks; two are currently used in her department's Speaking USA English courses. Elaine has directed, stage-managed, choreographed, acted, danced, sung in choirs and played hand bells for various churches and county groups in and around her community. She has been married to her husband, Stephen Stokes, for over 30 years. They have 2 grown children and 1 grandson. Her favorite pastimes include swimming, camping, gardening, and being Grammy.

By this time we will have enjoyed the celebration of UNMC's 80th Anniversary and Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and our Easter Sunday worship. Here is a listing of Musical Events happening both at UNMC and other venues.

April Concerts

**PARDON OUR DUST: REMEMBRANCE**

Featuring Susan Sevier, Contralto and Elaine Dalbo, Soprano

Jay Parotta, Organ

The Chalice Singers Ensemble

Cheryl Branhan, conductor

In an all Bach Program to benefit The Shalom Scharlorship Fund

Calvary Baptist Church

755 8th Street, NW

For more info visit: www.seratemusicali.org

Admission Free (\$10 donation suggested)

Sunday May 2 at 3pm

"How to Write Your Own Wagner Opera"

A musical Lecture with

Colleen Fay

Free Admission

Saturday April 17th 6:30 begins the Evening's Festivities

FUTURE CONCERTS

Sunday June 5th at 2pm

A CHORAL FEAST

“GOIN’ UP YONDER”

FREE Choir Concert and Luncheon

Featuring music From Bach to Gospel

ROSSINI’S SABAT MATER

Featuring Susan Sevier and Darryl Winston

Calvary Baptist Church

Saturday July 17th at 7:30pm

Washington National Wagner Society
Presents

A Gala Fund Raiser and Reception

Music, Buffet and Surprises!

A Potpourri of Arias and Duets by Wagner, Verdi, Meyerbeer

Tickets \$25.00

Sunday August 22 at 3pm

JOYCE LUNDY, SO- PRANO AND DAR- RYL WINSTON, BASS-BARITONE IN RECITAL

In a program of songs and arias

Sunday October 17th at 3pm

Washington National Wagner Society

Presents

Great Operatic Duets

Featuring Washington’s Greatest Singers

And The Wagner Symphonette in Duets

From Norma, The Pearl Fishers, Tristan und Isolde,

Thais, Madame Butterfly, Lohengrin , Sweethearts

and Lucia di Lammermoor

Admission \$15.00

Come out and support us for excellent music and Fellowship...Blessing, Darryl

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Sue Mosher and her friend Shaila greeted all the wedding guests at our March 9 celebration of 10 same-sex weddings. See article on page 5. As Church Registra Sue recorded all ten weddings in our historical wedding book which is kept in our Archives.

FROM THE EDITOR:

UNMC:

This was a short-lived volunteer project for me. Only my third newsletter for UNMC and I need to make room for a paying position.

There is a call in my soul to help women build a support system. So many women of all ages and different stages of life, soldier on, alone. So, I thought that I would try once more to see if any UNMC women would be interested in a women's group.

Finally, if you are in Virginia and want to listen to, or sing Sinatra tunes with Rick, he performs at the piano every Thursday evening at Pistone's Restaurant near 7 Corners in

Falls Church, VA. 6320 Arlington Blvd. Would love to see any of you!

Peace,
Adelaide Eldridge

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