

Universalist Anchor



August 2005

Interim Minister Announced

The Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce to the congregation that we have hired Dr. Jim Morgan to be UNMC's Interim Minister for the next year while our search for a settled minister continues. Jim will start Aug. 1.

Jim is a retired ordained Methodist with a Universalist bent who has just finished up a successful six-month Interim Ministry with Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, Maryland. Jim received his M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1961, and a D.Min. from Wesley in 1972. He brings to UNMC the full ministerial skillset and a wealth of successful experience in a range of parish ministries from "start-ups" to "mega" churches. More importantly, he brings during our time of transition great enthusiasm, an ongoing passion for parish ministry, and a keen appreciation of the possibilities presented by ministry at UNMC. He is a gifted and energetic parish minister; and we consider ourselves fortunate to have found him. Thank you to our reconstituted 2005 Interim Search Committee of Vicki Pepper, David Skidmore, and Mary Templeton for their thoughtful and thorough efforts in the interim search process. While we wish Reverend Morn all the best as she is about to embark upon her new settled ministry with the UU Congregation of Fairfax, we are confident that Jim will continue the good transition work we've started under Mary Katherine's leadership as we continue to prepare the way for UNMC's next settled minister. We look forward to an exciting and productive year under Jim's pastoral leadership. Please look for the opportunities to meet Jim and his wife Beverly, in the Anchor and other all-church announcements.

May Worship & Activity Schedule at UNMC

Sunday, August 7

10:30 a.m. Worship: "Living to a New Rhythm" -- Jim Morgan preaching.

Sunday, August 14

10:30 a.m. Worship -- Jim Morgan preaching.

Wednesday, August 17

6:30-8:30 p.m. [Wine and cheese reception](#) to welcome Jim Morgan and his wife Beverly.

Sunday, August 21

10:30 a.m. Worship: Rev. Gail Tapscott, minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale, preaching.

Sunday, August 28

10:30 a.m. Worship: Jim Morgan, preaching.

Tuesday, August 30

5:30-9 p.m. Fourth annual summer pilgrimage to [Washington National Cathedral](#) for worship, meditation, and a picnic.

Chancel Flowers for August

Mary Simmons, Chair

August 7: Flowers are given in memory of his father, David Skidmore, by his son, David W. Skidmore.

August 14: Flowers are given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Weaver by their family.

August 21: Open

August 28: Flowers are given in loving memory of Frances Marin Pepper by Vicki, Brian, Stephen, Irina and godmother Pi-Rung.

New Church Directory

A new directory of UNMC members and friends is available on the information table in the parlor after worship and from the church office. This completes a long-standing project to move all parish contact information to a database from which we can create any kind of mailing or directory. Please send corrections, updates, and suggestions to church administrator Marguerite Bogle at office@universalist.org or (202) 387-3411.

Childhood Virtues

On Youth Sunday, June 12, some of the younger children shared favorite virtues from their ongoing study this past year. Dana, age 9, told the congregation:

My virtue is flexibility. You have to have time to be flexible. When you are flexible, you try new things. Flexibility means not always having to have your own way. When you are flexible, you adjust and adapt: You are becoming better.

May we all have such a clear idea of the value of being flexible!

Plans are being made now for the children's religious education classes in the fall and for youth group activities for the kids 12 and older. Please contact the church office if you can devote two or more Sundays between September and December to helping our youngsters grow in faith.

Parish Notes:

More UNMC youth off to college:

Catherine Jacobs will be attending Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

The Board of Trustees will not meet in August .

Sacred Summer Journey

Notice that the date has changed from Aug 9 to Aug 30. The details may have also changed slightly. We will get them to you as soon as possible.

Join other UNMC members and friends for our 4th annual summer pilgrimage to Washington National Cathedral on Tuesday, August 30, starting at 6 p.m. The cathedral is a wonderfully cool place on a summer evening, and we'll also be walking on the cathedral grounds. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Tentative Schedule:

6 pm - Gather in the Center for Prayer & Pilgrimage for introductions

6:20 pm - Contemplative walk through Olmsted Woods into the Nave

7 pm - Sacred Journey - guided meditation using the art and architecture of the cathedral

7:30 pm - Individual reflection/prayer time where participants can go anywhere in the cathedral

8:15 pm - Centering Prayer in the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage

8:45 pm - The pilgrimage ends with Compline, the service of night time prayers.

There is a small fee for this program -- \$20 for adults, \$15 for youth 18 and under and seniors 59 and older, \$10 for National Cathedral Association members. Registration forms are available on the information table in the church parlor. For more information or if you can't get to church to pick up a registration form, please call the church office.

Remember the mother eagle pushing the baby chick out of the nest, indicating it was time to fly? That is a little how I feel. Falling from the warmth and security of the United Methodist Church into "empty space" is scary and at the same time a real adventure. I am looking forward with eager anticipation to our ministry together and believe that God is in the process. I can only trust that there will be a vibrant mutuality and that both you and I will be richly blessed in days ahead.

Jim

Third Wednesday Theology Discussion

There will be no Third Wednesday Theology Discussion in August. It should start up again in September.

Reception to Meet UNMC's New Interim Minister for our "Third Wednesday" this August

Parishioners are invited and encouraged to take the opportunity to stop by the Church after work or the day's other activities from 6:30 - 8:30 on Wednesday, August 17th. UNMC's Committee on Ministry will host a "wine and cheese" reception to provide the congregation an early chance to meet and get to know Jim Morgan, our pastor for the next year, and his wife Beverly.

Moving Day

Thanks to Marty Martinson, Clint McCully, Vicki Pepper and Dave Skidmore for helping to move outgoing interim minister, Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, to her new church -- the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax -- on Saturday July 30. Boxes (and boxes and boxes) of books from her office were soon loaded in van and car and unloaded in her new digs. Thanks, too, to Rev. Morn for the post-move pizza (not to mention a great year).

Historical Dupont Circle Main Streets (HDCMS) needs volunteers

The Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets (HDCMS) program needs volunteers to help with our business survey. A vital part of our mission is to help our local business community to grow and prosper. To do this, we need to know who our local businesses are and what they do.

HDCMS is developing a database with information of all the businesses in the Dupont Circle area. We need more detail on our current local businesses. This information is key to future HDCMS projects, including a published directory of the Dupont Circle businesses, a local restaurant guide, and links on our web site.

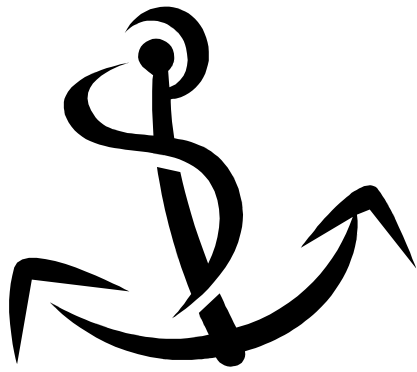
As a volunteer, you will help complete a pre-printed survey on the type and services offered by our local businesses. You'll get to visit approximately twenty businesses in one geographical area (i.e. 17th Street). Based on the surveys already performed, this work can be done in as few as five minutes per business. And you'll have several weeks to complete the surveys. You can do them individually or with a team. We encourage creativity!

This is an EXCELLENT opportunity to:

- Meet local business owners.
- Volunteer on a short-term basis.
- Learn more about HDCMS and its value to the Dupont Circle community.

The Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets looks forward to your support of our community project. To learn more about HDCMS, visit our website at www.dupontcircle.biz or email to execdiretor@dupontcircle.biz

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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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