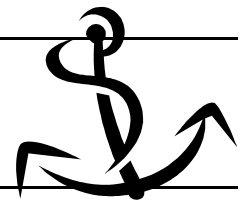


Universalist Anchor



from the heart...

These “words” are a departure my usual column to you, but two important things are happening that I need to share with you. One is an event, the other is a process.

On October 10, UNMC will host a reception for the recently-elected president of the Unitarian Universalist Association Rev. Peter Morales. The reception will be from 5:00 to 7:00 in Perkins Hall.

It is an opportunity for the Universalist believers to share with Morales their hopes and dreams for Universalism in the Twenty-first Century. There will be guests from all over the district and the United States to share this informal time with Morales and the UU Social Justice staff.

The occasion for Morales’ visit to Washington, D.C., is congressional lobbying on October 10 and the **“National Equality March,”** Sunday the 11th.

Our *Interweave* leaders will be asking all our members to help with the reception.

Former UUA Presidents have been invited to UNMC. However, I do not know if they have ever accepted an invitation to the Church. This could be quite an historic event for UNMC!

Please plan on attending. There will be parking behind the Scottish Rites Freemasons Temple.

Our Deacons at UNMC serve communion, select the recipient of “Sharing Our Plate, and help the minister with pastoral care for the congregation. In the past six years, beginning with the interim ministries of Rev. Morn and Rev. Morgan, they have become more active in pastoral care, and have done a great job with long-time members who needed their attention. They have visited shut-ins, led the effort for Christmas Caroling, taken communion to those unable to attend church. This past church year they participated in a workshop on “pastoral listening.”

The New Testament tells us that the first-century Jesus followers will have different gifts and different calls to the community’s ministry. Some will perform miracles, some will speak in tongues, some will be missionaries, some will serve communion, and some will have a gift for prayer, or preaching, or study.

In the twenty-first century and at UNMC, our Deacons have their own unique gifts and different calls to our community’s ministries.

Most of them are already using their gifts and living their call. However, I have asked them to become more visible to the congregation. Some of them have a gift for “pastoral listening.” Some will be giving a Deacon’s prayer at the Sunday morning worship and leading us in the “Prayer of Jesus.” I have asked others to facilitate Bible Studies. I have also invited the Deacons to join me in prayer meetings.

An Event and a Process Plan on attending the October 10th reception for Rev. Morales and please, look for the Deacons on Sunday mornings, not only to learn more about them, but to share with them any cares or concerns you may have in your life.

See you in Church!

Lillie



UNMC Open House for National Equality March

On Sunday, Oct. 11 Unitarian Universalists, national leaders and thousands of others will stand on the side of love, marching on the national mall for equality for LGBT people. The UUA has officially endorsed the March and our new UUA President, Peter Morales will be appearing at UNMC at a Open House on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 5-7 p.m. in Perkins Hall. Join us and socialize with UUs from all over the country for beverages and a bite to eat! However, volunteers are needed to set-up for this event. Please contact Ron Eanes at office@universalist.org Many UUs are also looking for lodging while they’re in Washington. If you can host someone, please contact Devry Becker at office@universalist.org. The UUA has labeled Oct. 11th as a National Day of Action and congregations everywhere are encouraged to participate with observances in worship and coffee hours. Pastor Lillie has a special sermon planned at UNMC. UUA President Peter Morales will be leading the morning worship at All Souls. The March will begin at the West Front of the U.S. Capitol at 2 p.m. with an Invocation. This public event is for one clear demand: full equality for all LGBT people in all matters governed by civil law in all 50 states.

Services for October

Services begin at 11:00 a.m.

October 4 – “God of Grace and Process” Rev. Henley preaches a sermon that asks what image do you have for God, and what does God exactly do?

October 11 – If you are for “Gay Marriage” then you must be standing on the side of love. How deeply into our culture do we have to look for changes, so that our young people grow up well-adapted and healthy?

October 18 – World Poetry Day gives us an opportunity to share poetry from other cultures. Do you have favorite poetry from another land? If so, email Rev. Henley pastorlillie@universalist.org

October 25 – A historical recognition of Owen D. Young, who was born October 27, 1874, and for him our tower is named. An interesting look at Young’s contributions to peace and justice.

Chicken Returns to Leland Place

Marmalade-glazed chicken was the centerpiece of another hearty meal at Leland Place on Saturday September 19. A dozen residents of Leland, a halfway house on North Capitol Street for men in recovery from addiction, enjoyed the chicken along with rice pilaf with green and yellow squash, tossed salad, and homemade hot apple crisp with vanilla ice cream. Thanks to volunteers Angela Khaminwa, Charles Gravis, Marsha Silverberg and Dave Skidmore.

Our next dinner is scheduled for Saturday October 17. We gather in the church kitchen at 2:30 p.m. with the goal of serving the meal at Leland, a facility of SOME, So Others Might Eat, at 5 p.m. The car pool from Leland returns to the church at about 6:30 p.m. Volunteers share the cost of the meal, generally \$15 to \$25 per volunteer. Those interested in volunteering their labor only are welcome and should contact Dave Skidmore or Pastor Lillie. Anyone interested in volunteering on Oct. 17 should RSVP to Dave Skidmore by Thursday Oct. 15 at office@universalist.org

School of Prayer

Not too long ago, UNMC hosted a Sunday morning series on prayer. If you attended and want to go deeper into the nature and practice of prayer -- or if you wish you could have attended -- you may be interested in a new series co-sponsored by the Shalem Institute and Washington National Cathedral. Three segments of six sessions each will explore different prayer practices. Each individual Monday evening session will include a brief teaching about a prayer form, experiential time for opening to God through that particular way of praying, and opportunities for shared reflection with other participants. Each meeting builds on the previous sessions, so participants should plan to attend all six weeks of any segment. The fall series runs Oct. 19 through Nov. 23 and will cover centering prayer, praying with scripture, the Jesus Prayer, chanting, and praying with an icon. For more information, visit <http://www.shalem.org/index.php/short-programs/school-of-prayer> or contact Chris Jeffrey at chris@shalem.org or (301) 897-7334 ext. 209.

UNMC Blood and Bone Marrow Drive Results!

On Sunday, August 30th, we held a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross and a Bone Marrow Registry Drive with the National Institutes of Health. 20 people including parishioners and friends of the community participated in the drive. We were able to collect 10 units of blood and registered 9 people for the Bone Marrow Registry.

We had volunteers drive up from Richmond, VA to help us out as well as people from the area who had never been to our Church before. It was a beautiful showing of UNMC's outreach to the community. Several people who participated in the drive were either first time donors or long absent from blood donations. We look forward to hosting another drive in the spring. Stay tuned for an announcement of that drive. I sincerely thank all who participated! - Shawn Logue

Please join us for the next meeting of Delighting in the Feminine Divine

Based on a book by Bridget Mary Meehan of the same name, we will be exploring the Feminine Divine in the Hebrew Scriptures and how Jesus embodied Sophia. Some of the topics we discuss include how she created human life in her image, the Shekinah, why Sophia is Jesus, and how Sophia fits into the development of the Christians. For those who would like to purchase the book it is available on Amazon.com, through the church website (so that a portion of your payment is donated to the church's Pastoral Discretionary Fund). The book is new for \$20, but used are as low as \$1.07. If you cannot purchase the book, copies of the chapters we will be covering will be available to you. We will have our next meeting on Sunday, October 18th, after church (12:30 pm or so) in the upstairs library. Intrigued but want more information? Contact Jennifer Sandberg by e-mailing office@universalist.org or see her in church!

Buildings and Grounds Update

Buildings and Grounds (B&G) has been traditionally involved in efforts and projects from time to time to improve various parts of the church. Recently, this has included tangible projects such as prepping and painting walls of Perkins Hall in the basement. More recently, B&G folks painted the office of Darryl Winston, our music director. This project is not yet completely finished, since replacement of a large window and frame are awaiting improved financial circumstances for the church. In the meantime, the office walls are nicely decorated. We are also somewhat involved from time to time in delivering furniture in need of repair to good repair locations around the city.

A more recent project arose out of the slump in the church's income from its endowment. In order to make this remaining income go further, the Board of Trustees has asked B&G to undertake some of the work that in the very recent past has been carried out by the church's maintenance contractor. In the last several months several members of B&G have therefore undertaken to do some of this work. It is this work that is the primary new task that B&G has acquired, and that B&G is especially interested in finding additional volunteers with which to go forward. The work involved is not insurmountable, inasmuch as tasks involve things like putting out trash and replacing light bulbs and general cleaning. Another item that is very doable is washing windows. This particular task has the virtue of leaving one feeling that something tangible has been accomplished and being able to directly see the fruits of one's labor. I would urge that anyone interested in assisting with work on the church premises that can indeed make a difference get in touch with either Jorn Dakin or Catherine Robbins by e-mailing office@universalist.org. I should add that we are making plans for a church "work day" on Saturday, October 24th. Please contact me with any questions. Thanks for your attention to this. Jorn Dakin.

Book Reviews

Lost Christianity by Jacob Needleman

A philosopher rather than a theologian, Jacob Needleman asks hard questions: What was the shock that the carpenter from Nazareth brought to the world? What do Christians want? Why doesn't the Golden Rule -- "love your neighbor as you love yourself" -- come with a clear instruction manual? Chatting with contemporary contemplatives and examining scripture and early Church writers, Needleman guides the reader toward a fresh understanding of the soul as the mediating principle that "can bind together all the intellectual, emotional and instinctual aspects of the human being" through its relationship with God, "the highest principles of order and mind in the universe." This is one of those rare books that I started reading a second time as soon as I finished it. It would make a wonderful focus for group study, perhaps for Lent. Anyone interested?

On the Spot: Pinpointing the Past in Washington, DC by Douglas E. Evelyn and Paul Dickson

A breezy guide for locals who like to ramble and tourists who enjoy planning interesting romps -- even armchair tourists, given the large number of historical photographs. I learned a few tidbits, such as the Kennedy Center standing on the site of a brewery, and marveled at the many wonders that are long gone and nearly forgotten. - Sue Mosher

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. In October, UNMC will share ten percent of its collected offerings to the Capitol Area Food Bank.

For the Washington Metro area, the Capital Area Food Bank collects over 20 million pounds of "wasted" food and distributes it to hunger relief organizations each year. Last year, food was distributed to over 700 nonprofit partner agencies throughout the metropolitan area.

"If God had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, 'My foot slips,' your steadfast love, O God, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul."

- Psalm 94:17-19

Please submit any words or announcements you have to share with our community! Submissions for the next Anchor newsletter will be due Monday, October 26th. Please e-mail to Shawn Logue at office@universalist.org.

Musical Notes

Fall is upon us and we bid farewell to all of those long sunshine filled days. It will always be sunny and warm in the sanctuary at UNMC because our choir has returned from its summer vacation bigger and better than ever. I would like to thank our soloists and Michael Crabill for continuing their high level of artistry during July and August.

The choir continues to grow. We have added many new voices over the last year. It is amazing how much we have grown as a musical family since the new choir's initial Sunday in September of 2008. The choir is adding to the growth of the church as well. Several choir members have become church members and another will be joining our church as well. We have a distinguished bunch of new members in the choir this year among them are: Dr. Elaine Kass (contralto), head of the Theater Department of PG Community College who will be joining our church; Dr. Wendy Radding (soprano), Psychologist; Colleen Fay, noted musicologist and media personality; the charming Karen DeWitt, who was looking for a home church and fit right in; and last but not least Matt Woorman, a singer attending Montgomery College. Our fine reputation is growing by word of mouth. On August 29, the Choir had a retreat, a fun day of music, fellowship, and eating.

In keeping with the ever growing spirit of UNMC we will be growing musically as we add the Versicles to our service as well as a sung congregational benediction. We will be presenting our "band" once or twice a month to add another dimension to our service.

Here's a roster of our **choir members** for this year:

Soprano

Joyce Lundy, Karen Dewitt, Wendy Radding, Janice Rosen, Elisereena Kimolo

Alto

Anne O'Dell, Jennifer Sandberg, Elaine Kass

Tenor

G. Stephen Stokes, Shawn Logue, Darnel Brandon

Bass

Colleen Fay, Vinnie Aquilino, Devry Becker, Gregory Parker, Matthew Woorman

The Band

Perry King, Bass, Guitar, Harmonica

Greg Parker, keyboard

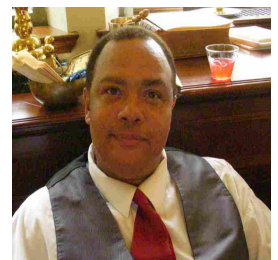
Michael Crabill, piano

Elaine Kass, percussion

Rev. Lillie Henley, Drums

Blessings,

Darryl



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