

# The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County

December 16, 2018

## No Room at the Inn

*“And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.”*

Luke 2:7

**Please enter our sanctuary with reverence:  
silence your cell phone, greet one another warmly,  
listen to the music, discover Joy and seek Peace.**

**Welcome and Announcements** Cindy Curry

**Ringing of the Bells** - Let there be silence at the sound of the bells.

**Prelude** *Carol of the Bells* UUFHC Choir

**Call to Worship** Rev. María McCabe

**Opening Hymn\*** *In The Bleak Midwinter #241* All  
Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Gustav Theodor Holst

**Chalice Lighting** Jackson Knause-Liggett

**Story For All Ages** *The Kind of Helper that Helps*  
written and told by DRE Stephanie Kalka

**Singing the Children to their classes** Congregation  
*As you go may JOY surround you.  
As you go, go in Peace. Know our love is with you always.  
As you go, As you go.  
(Rev. Suzelle Lynch/Ruben Piirainen)*

**Candles of Sharing** Rev. María McCabe

**Offering** Cindy Curry

**Offertory** *Intermezzo Op 76, no 3* Johannes Brahms

**Responsive Hymn** *From You I Receive #402* All  
Words: Horace Westwood; Music: Lowell Mason

*From you I receive  
To you I give  
Together we share  
And from this we live.  
(Please sing twice)*

**Reading** *Strangers at the Door* Cindy Curry  
By Erika Hewitt

**Reading** *"Nochebuena"* by Rev. María McCabe

**Sermon** *No Room at the Inn* Rev. María McCabe

**Closing Hymn\*** *Go Tell It On The Mountain #239* All  
Words & Music: African American Spiritual

**Benediction** Rev. María McCabe

**Postlude** *Intermezzo Op 76, no 4* Johannes Brahms

\* Please rise in body or spirit

### Our thanks go to the members of the UUFHC Support Team

Greeters – Larry and Hazel Hopkins  
Board Representative – Ed Roberts  
Worship Associate – Cindy Curry  
Musician - Richard Schroeder  
Safety – Nelson Fritts      Sound – Marc Petrequin

Coffee – Judy Walkley      Flowers – Marlene Lieb

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#### **Our Staff**

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Nursery Care Attendants – Ashli Arthur, Mackenzie Pollachek, Anne Dodson

Musician, Richard Schroeder      Choir Director, Brenna Kupferman

**Our Board** (Executive Leadership) [board@uufhc.net](mailto:board@uufhc.net)

Diana Rudolph, President      Paul North, Member at Large

Ed Roberts Jr., Vice President      Dick Calvert, Member at Large

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Brenna Kupferman – Nominating Council

**Committee on Ministry (Providing care for the Ministry of UUFHC)**

Beth Wood-Roig, Lisa Nickerson Bucklin and Nelson Fritts

#### **NEXT WEEK –**

Tuesday, Dec. 18th	Finance Comm mtg., 6:30pm Gentle Yoga, 7pm Kadampa, 7pm Soul Matters, 7pm
Wed., Dec. 19th	QiGong, 9:00am Building A Better World, 6:30pm AA Meeting, 7:30pm
Thursday, Dec. 20th	Journaling, 7pm
Saturday, Dec. 22nd	Tai Chi, 9am

**NEXT SUNDAY –** *A Blue Christmas* - Rev. Roberta Finkelstein  
While popular culture urges us to feel nothing but happiness and joy during the Christmas season, the holidays often bring up more difficult emotions. A time to honor the complexity of our holiday feelings.

Last Sunday's **SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION** raised \$294.00 to help support the UUFHC Helping Hands Fund.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

- **VISITOR WELCOME** – We serve Equal Exchange coffee after service. This helps small farming businesses build a better future for themselves and their families. For more information, contact [www.equalexchange.com/interfaith](http://www.equalexchange.com/interfaith).
- **MEDITATION GROUP** - Join us as we begin 2019 by reading *Bliss More: How to Succeed in Meditation Without Really Trying* by Light Watkins and take a 21-day challenge to begin to incorporate a daily practice of mindfulness. Please join us in person or in spirit by reading along with us and join us if you are able for discussion on Sunday mornings. In order to incorporate the book discussion, we will begin the meditation group at 9:30 in the library to discuss the book and our practice. Then we will spend time as a group in mindful silence.
- **JANUARY RETREAT** - *A Sense of Possibility: Contemplating Karma and Emptiness* led by Gen Kelsang Chogden from the Kadampa Meditation Center here at UUFHC on Saturday, January 26th at 9:30am Exchange: \$25 Morning snacks and vegetarian lunch are included so please register before January 18th. Contact is Beth Wood-Roig [bwoodro1@gmail.com](mailto:bwoodro1@gmail.com)
- **FACING DEATH WITH LIFE** – This is an 8 session workshop, plus a visit to a local funeral home. Topics include: Talking about Death, Finding our personal Views of Death, Beliefs and practices-What Happens When We Die? Bereavement, Children and Death, Suicide and the Right to Die, Preparation for Death and Sharing New Insights. The 2 hour sessions include discussion, activities and videos. First and Third Tuesdays starting 1/15 from 10am-noon Please offer this to friends and family that might be interested!

#### **HOLIDAY SERVICES at UUFHC**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, **4:30 pm** - *A Family Christmas Eve Service* –  
DRE Stephanie Kalka & Rev. María McCabe

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, **6:00 pm** - *Lessons and Carols* - Rev. María McCabe  
A contemplative worship service in the spirit of the season.  
December 30<sup>th</sup> – StoryCorps



*We dedicate our minds and hearts to the spirit of this child.  
- Shelley Jackson Denham*

*Would you like the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County to welcome your child (or children) into religious community with a child dedication ceremony?*

*In the words of the Rev. Linda Olson Peebles, "Unitarian Universalists believe that every child brings new life and hope into the world." In our faith, the church community has the joy and privilege "not only of supporting the parents in the sacred task of nurturing life but also of weaving the threads of culture – history, values, art, wisdom, visions – into a fabric that can enfold the family."*

*We will hold our first child dedication ceremony during the early, family Christmas Eve service this year and would love for two-three families to participate. We plan to schedule at least two further opportunities for child dedications before the end of the church year in June.*

*We welcome children of all ages to participate with their families. Please contact Rev. María if you would like to participate.*

*Each night a child is born is a holy night –  
A time for singing  
A time for wondering*

*A time for worshipping*  
**MANY THANKS TO OUR  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS**

**Pre K -1<sup>st</sup>** Sara Stees, Darlene Rothwell, Noreen Anderson

**2nd - 3rd Grade** - Suzi Gallihue, Terri Bogle-Smith

**4th - 5th Grade** - Katrina Hunnell, Colleen France

**6th – 8th Grade** - Pam Lottero-Perdue, Annelise Bauer

**9th - 12th Grade** - MJ Price, Marc Petrequin

**Greeter:** Stephanie Kalka

**Liaison:** Alison Rainey

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**ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Thank you all for participating! We are happy to say that a local family will be enjoying the holiday season more because of all of you.

**EMPTY COOKIE CONTAINERS**

Please don't forget to pick yours up! Let's get the Board Room looking neat again!! Again, thank you for your generous cookie donations!

**LOST AND FOUND**

With so many recent events, our totes are overflowing! Please check on the shelf in the coat closet for missing water bottles, scarves, glasses, toys, etc.