



What's with UUS

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling
A Welcoming Congregation
Sterling, Virginia



Minister's Message



Bridges

Rev. Anya
Sammler-Michael

BRIDGES stands for Building Relationships for Interfaith Dialogue, Goodwill and Service. Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES is our local interfaith organization. I serve with Debra Dalby from the Goose Creek Quaker Meeting as the BRIDGES co-secretary. Last year the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling board voted to make UUS a member congregation of BRIDGES.

I am so glad they did because the work we do in the interfaith arena is tough and necessary work.

While the team of events planners for the recent Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES 'Day of Thanks' hustled through the last minute preparations, a pained and struggling man who happened to be Muslim opened fire on American soldiers in Fort Hood Texas. We were ready for our event, but suddenly it seemed like everything had changed ... had it? We received a call from a man concerned about safety. Some of the event planners emailed back and forth considering the call to have an officer of the law present at the Day of Thanks. One of us finally reached out to our Muslim brothers and sisters. What did they think we should do?

What we heard in return was pain. "Now you know what we experience all the time. The assumption is – if Muslims are present, there is danger."

I reached out immediately to apologize and share my regrets. Nothing I could say was enough simply because the issue

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President's Message



We are Family

Bonnie Lepoff

It isn't even Thanksgiving as I write this December column. Thoughts of family gatherings, things to be thankful for, and a table full of good food are in my head. Those are Thanksgiving images, to be sure, but that's Christmas, too, isn't it? Sharing good food, counting our blessings and enjoying our families? Family is first our biological relatives, but in this day and age, most of us have moved many times and are several hours if not a plane ride away. Fortunately we've become adept at building a family from our friends and neighbors wherever we may be. To my mind, that is the source of our strength at UUS. We support each other, in sickness and in health, in good times and bad. What can be more family than that?

My father and sister live in California. UUS has been my local family since my first visit in Sept 1997. My UUS family has helped and supported me through three family deaths, two aging relatives, and one joyous wedding. And I give back by helping others when they are in need. Why does this matter? Our tendency often is to stay home when we feel we can't give as much as we have been giving (time or money) or our spirits are sagging. I want everyone to know that family counts most when you need them most. When your spirits, or your finances, or your family, are sagging, that's when you really need your UUS family. So please don't turn away.

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Worship Calendar

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

The liturgical theme for December is
"Peace."

December 6th 2009 – "Doubt" This is the third service from Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael's series Our Liberal Religious Landscape. What happens when religious thinkers stop rejecting and begin embracing doubt? If we doubt the historical truth of religious myths, can they still inform or even transform our lives? Our children's choir will sing. We will begin our service at 10:20 with a hymn sing. An inquirer's class will follow the service at noon.

Wednesday December 9th – "Vespers Service" 7:00PM An evening of music, silence, and prayer or contemplation in the Taize style of worship, our vespers (evening) service is an invitation to find calm amidst the rush of the holiday season. Taize worship was developed by the Taize order in France and has been embraced by a vast and growing ecumenical community. Our worship is all ages. Chants in Latin and English will be shared by Clarice Douoguih, John Heaton, Shelly Tamres, and Del Ward. Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael will offer words of prayer and meditation. Candles of hope may be lit and all will be invited to join in the songs and the silence. Come as you are and find peace among community.

December 13th, 2009 – "Chanukah, Peace, and the Home" Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael considers the teachings of the Jewish sage Maimonides who taught that the meaning of Chanukah was to create and sustain peace in the home. During the holiday season many of us struggle to attain this ideal – especially when we have relatives with vastly different faith, social, or political perspectives. Let's

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at hand was far too large to be addressed in one conversation between two individuals. The conversation needs to be shared in our society at large. It is a conversation about fear and prejudice, about violence and how to respond to violent acts, about assumptions and about the pain they cause.

Every time a Muslim individual does something violent, American Muslims send out email messages and press releases that condemn the individual's actions and offer prayers for peace. Muslim leaders are expected to do this. They are expected to apologize as Muslims for the sins of the few individuals who use their faith to justify horrendous acts.

This fact fills me with sorrow. How can we transform our world into a place where the horrendous acts of a few do not cause us to fear, hate, or shame a whole community of faithful, loving, beautiful people? I believe we are called to this work as a religious community of open hearts and open minds. I believe it is also some of what calls us to be a member congregation of BRIDGES. Let us be vigilant in this work together. Please let me know if you would like to be more involved in the work of BRIDGES.

In closing I would like to share the words I used to open our Loudoun Interfaith Bridges Day of Thanks on November 8th:

Welcome to this place of fellowship and peace.

Welcome to this space carved by the noblest of intentions.

Welcome to this community that gathers to mourn together any loss brought forth by a violent act – such as the murders of American soldiers in Fort Hood Texas.

Welcome to this place where no one will be singled out and disrespected for their faith.

Welcome to this place where we gather to grieve shared loss – loss that we all bear as citizens who care for one another, for our country, and for our world.

Welcome to this space where in our shared grieving we may find healing –

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learn from Maimonides, from the Chanukah lights, and from one another. Our children's choir will sing and a duo of violinists will perform!

December 20th, 2009 – “These Windows and Doors” Some Unitarian Universalists describe their understanding of the holy as a temple filled with light, surrounded by a diverse array of windows and doors. The image portrays the truth that there is not one but many paths to the holy. Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael will invite us to consider how we can use this image to understand our mission to serve our community and our world. Our children's choir will sing and our band JUUSTUUs will fill our sanctuary with contemporary holiday music.

December 21st 2009 – “Solstice” Join us on December 21 for our annual Winter Solstice Service. In a celebration rich with music and ritual, we will honor the shortest night of the year and rejoice in the return of the sun.

December 24th 2009 – 4:30PM “No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant” All ages will join in a joyous re-telling of the Christmas story and the choir will lead us in traditional carols. Children of all ages should arrive by 4pm to participate. A time for fellowship will follow.

December 24th 2009 – 6:00PM “Candlelight Christmas Service” Come in from the holiday rush to pause in the glow of candlelight and the promise of peace, welcome, and love. Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael will lead our traditional Christmas Eve worship and our choir, led by Kris Adams, will fill our sanctuary with song. All are invited to come early for fellowship at 5:30.

December 27th 2009 – “For All That Is Our Life” Through the inspiration of the Kwanza celebration, we will explore at what happens to faith when life is easy, and when life is challenging so that we might strengthen our faith in all the seasons of our lives. Our guest minister is Rev. Kate Lehman, a retired UU minister who has lived for three years in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia. During the course of her career she served congregations in the greater Boston area and Long Island, New York. Now a volunteer, Kate applies what she learned as a minister to her work with at-risk

elementary school students and as the president of an at-risk stream (action group? support group?) in the Chesapeake Bay watershed area. She also does organic gardening and raises free-range chickens.

The liturgical theme for January is “Grace.”

January 3rd 2009 – “One Wild and Precious Life” An intergenerational service that invites participants to respond to the question: what will you do with your one wild and precious life?

January 10th 2009 – “Grace” World renowned percussionist Tom Teasley will ‘grace’ our sanctuary with his powerful music and Rev. Anya will contemplate the place of grace in our lives.

January 17th 2009 – “Martin Luther King, Jr. – I am a Man” Rev. Anya Sammler Michael and Worship Associate Wendi Manuel-Scott will consider the broad reach of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call for unequivocally fair and equal rights.

January 24th 2009 – “Finding Our Way Home” The Rev. Evan Keely Everyone needs a place to call home, but “home” has many different layers of meaning. One of the things we look for in religious life is a home for the soul. What does this mean, and how can we find it? The Rev. Evan Keely is the Interim Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston. An Accredited Interim Minister in Training with the UUA, he served congregations in Massachusetts, Texas, and New Jersey before coming to Virginia this summer.

January 31st 2009 – “Religion, What's the Point?” In the fourth of her sermon series on Our Liberal Religious Landscape, Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael considers the practical applications of religious practice and service. Religious leaders in various times and ways have proposed ‘being religious can make you healthier and happier.’ What are the implications of their claims? Is practical divinity somehow less divine?

Appreciating Gifts of UUS at the Holidays

Linda Weaver

There are many people at UUS doing amazing work to build a community of fellowship, worship and spiritual growth. This is a precious gift for you, your family and the entire UUS community. The holidays are a perfect time for your family to slow down for a while and enjoy these gifts. Spend a morning or evening at UUS meeting friends, building new relationships, enjoying worship and music and growing in your faith.

In Religious Exploration a number of volunteers are providing children with an environment that encourages community building and growth. Within this environment the volunteers are offering children a large variety of fun activities and the opportunity to learn about their neighbors and the world around them. This is a priceless gift that you and your family are encouraged to enjoy. At the same time know that your presence is also a gift to others. Your presence and your children's presence is a gift to the volunteers who put their time and care into preparing for classes, a gift to the children who enjoy spending time with other children and a gift to everyone at UUS as they continue to build a meaningful multigenerational community.

All who attend classes and special events, bring their children on Sunday morning, attend meetings or help out in large and small ways deserve appreciation for helping build this community and the children's RE program. When you see someone



helping, please thank them for graciously giving of their time. The Lifespan Faith Development Council and the class leaders and assistants especially deserve thanks for the time and thought they put into the program. The Lifespan Faith Development Council liaison to the middle school group is Kim Fitzgerald. The middle school leaders are Kim, Michelle James and Stephanie Roche, and their assistants are Dan Badgley and Nancy McCormick. The Lifespan Faith Development Council liaison for the elementary school group is Sonya Connors. The leaders for this age range are Sonya, Yvonne Centala, Stephanie Greene, John Heaton, Alyssa Lum, Wendi Manuel-Scott, and Ken Ward. The Lifespan Faith Development Council liaison to the nursery and preschool is Karen Houck. Other Lifespan Faith Development Council members are Bob Brown, Susan Miller and Karen Saifer-Ward. Without the many people who give so generously of their time and those who provide the gift of their presence the children would not have the nurturing RE community so many enjoy. Thank you!

To find out more about the children's RE program or to let us know how we can serve your family contact Linda Weaver at re-director@uusterling.org or 703-406-3068. More information is also available on the UUS website at www.uusterling.org, or in brochures near the door at UUS.

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not separately, but together.

Welcome to this interfaith community that knows all faith is sustained by our ability to love one another.

Welcome – whomever you are, wherever you come from, whatever you are looking for – Welcome – may you find a space here to be fully yourself, in grief, in love, in fellowship.

It is good and it is so necessary, in this time, to be together. I recognize that the material in this column is delicate and I welcome any conversation you would like to have with me.

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Blanche DuBois may 'have depended on the kindness of strangers', but you don't have to! (I just saw Cate Blanchett in Street Car Named Desire; this closing line of hers was just too perfect!)

Come celebrate Christmas and the winter solstice with your UUS family. We have four extra services in December: Vespers on Wednesday the 9th, Winter Solstice on Monday the 21st, Christmas Eve family pageant, and Christmas Eve candle light service.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bonnie Lepoff

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Children's Religious Exploration Schedule

	Preschool Circle	Kindergarten - 5th Grade	Middle School
Dec. 6	Winter	Christianity – St. Francis	Buddhism
Dec. 13	Hanukkah	Hanukkah	Hanukkah
Dec. 20	Christmas	Christianity - Posadas	Buddhism
Dec. 27	Chanukah	Chanukah	Kwanzaa
Jan. 3	New Years	Attend Service	Attend Service
Jan. 10	Fear	Islam – Mawlid an Nabi	Christianity
Jan. 17	Anger	RE Social Justice Sunday	RE Social Justice Sunday
Jan. 24	Good Wishes	Islam – Ramadan & Eid al Fitr	Christianity
Jan. 31	Old and Young	Islam - Hajj	Christianity

names of the leaders/assistants for each session, go to the UUS calendar at <http://www.uusterling.org/>

Soda Tabs, Can Labels, Box Tops, Yoplait Lids, & Eyeglasses, Oh My!

Debbie Corbo

The Leo Club at River Bend Middle School in Sterling is a community service club, and has ongoing collections to benefit people locally, nationally, and worldwide. If you have any of the following that you would like to contribute, just give them to Natalie or Debbie Corbo in separate baggies marked "Natalie Corbo, RBMS Leo Club":

SODA TABS - to benefit the Ronald McDonald House near Fairfax Inova Hospital. School goal is to collect one million by May 2010.

CAN LABELS - The Campbell's Soup Labels for Education campaign continues. The labels are redeemed for equipment and supplies for the Boys' Home School at the Greer Education Center in Covington, VA. Several churches, groups and individuals have been collecting labels since the program began at Boys' Home. In 2002, a 15-passenger van was obtained through the program. Besides Campbell's products, proofs of purchase from Prego, Pepperidge Farms, Franco-American and V-8 Juices are accepted.

BOX TOPS - Box Tops for Education program - look for Box Tops logo on all General Mills products and other goods like Ziploc bags - hundreds of products like Cheerios, Hamburger Helper, and Kleenex; each box top is worth 10 cents. <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=2164> has the complete list. The website also has printable coupons.

YOPLAIT® YOGURT LIDS - Save those pink Yo-plait® lids and bring them in to help with the Passionately Pink for the Cure campaign. Yoplait® will donate 10 cents for every pink lid. This money goes toward breast cancer research and education.

USED EYEGLASSES - Eyeglasses are inspected, cleaned, and prescriptions are determined, then they are packaged at the facility in Arlington. Each pair of

Washington/ Baltimore Gathering of UU People of Color, Ethnic Minorities, and Partners and Spouses

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

When: December 5 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Where: All Souls Church, Unitarian / 1500 Harvard Street, NW / Washington, DC 20009 - - For directions please visit www.all-souls.org

...To provide an opportunity for People of Color and Ethnic Minorities in the Washington/Baltimore area to network, communicate, provide mutual support, and to inform DRUUMM and the Joseph Priestley District how they can be most supportive in creating a nurturing, safe environment for People of Color, Ethnic Minorities, and their Spouses and Partners. For more information, or for an RSVP, please contact Om Prakash Gilmore, Director of Racial and Social Justice, Joseph Priestley District at 610-368-2525 or john@jpduua.org. Please RSVP as soon as possible. An early dinner will be served.

Divorce and Separation Conversation Circle

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

December 13th after the worship service at Noon

Brown Bag Lunch

Join us for fellowship and conversation. Anyone who has experienced or is presently experiencing divorce or separation is welcome.

glasses is then sent to communities across the U.S. and around the world to be matched to a person in need of glasses.

Adult Education

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

Upcoming Adult Education:

Soul Work - an exploration of Race, Theology, and Justice

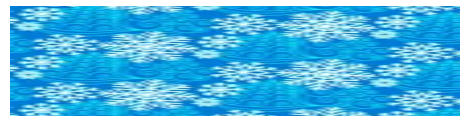
Led by Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

January 13th, and 27th, February 10th and 24th, March 10th and 24th (Second and fourth Wednesdays) From 7pm-9pm

This course is based on the groundbreaking collection of essays, Soul Work - Anti-racist Theologies in Dialogue, edited by Marjorie Bowens Wheatley, which addresses such questions as: "What theological or philosophical beliefs bind us together in our shared struggle against racism?" and "What are the costs of racism, both for the oppressors and the oppressed?"

To register, contact our administrator ASAP at:

administrator@uusterling.org or 703-406-3068



Roving Reporter

Sue Rose

What are you especially looking forward to this holiday season? (seeing old friends, the food, Santa and the presents, snow, vacation, etc.!)

Noah (13) I like the feel of Xmas—hanging out with everybody, it's nice!

Molly S. (9) Having fun with my family!

Natalie (12) Being with family for Xmas dinner! (Coming together, I think that is what it's all about.)

Katrin (8) I'm looking forward to going to an island in Lake Geneva, Switzerland, with my mom!

Nick (11) My grandparents are taking us to a skate boarding park in Las Vegas!

Langston (4) and Miles (8) We're going to Georgia to my grandma and grandpa's!

Julia (18) Snow!

Matthew (15) Vacation from school!

Apply to UUSJ for Scholarship Aid for Youth or Young Adult to Attend a Conference or to Hold a Youth or Young Adult Conference

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

UUSJ still has money available to help youth or young adults attend social justice conferences or for your congregation to hold a youth or young adult social justice conference. To apply for a scholarship to attend a conference, send the name of the youth or young adult, the name of their congregation, the conference which the person wishes to attend and its dates and costs and the amount requested and reason for request to CSnively@uusj.org. To apply for funds for a conference your congregation is hosting, send a brief description of the conference, the dates, your costs, and an amount requested to CSnively@uusj.org.

Please let Rev Anya know if you are applying for a scholarship.



Christmas Eve Pageant

Linda Weaver

The Christmas Eve Pageant begins at 4:30 on December 24. This is a no-rehearsal nativity pageant with parts for all ages. Contact Linda Weaver if you or your child would like to participate so we can make sure there are costumes available. Also, let her know if you would like to help hand out costumes.

Joseph Priestley District of the UUA Leadership Day

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

When: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Where: Accotink UU Church / 10125 Lakehaven Court / Burke, VA

Lay Leaders (Presidents, Board Members, Committee heads) are encouraged to attend.

We will –

- Network with other leaders as you get to know and discover ways of supporting each other
- Engage in conversation on ways in which a growth collaborative can facilitate growth in your congregation.
- Participate in a skill building session especially designed for ministerial and lay leaders.
- Enjoy a complementary dinner to complete a fulfilling and productive afternoon.

Please join us as we discuss the future of our faith and our work together in spreading the word of Unitarian Universalism.

This event is being sponsored by the Chesapeake UU Growth Committee and the Joseph Priestley District.

Registration information to follow.



Standing on the Side of Love Friday Conference Call Webcasts

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

Fridays 1:00pm

The Standing on the Side of Love campaign now offers weekly 45 min. webcast conference calls on Fridays at 1pm. EDT. We will share best practices, highlight resources, and discuss major initiatives. Calls will feature different presenters. You do not have to have web access to join the calls. To get more information and to register for the calls simply follow the link below for the day (s) you wish to attend, go to: <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/fridaycalls>

Give to UU Programs through Combined Federal Campaign

Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael

When your annual workplace giving campaign kicks off this year, please select UU charities. Beacon House, UUSJ and OpenDoor Housing Fund are neighborhood organizations formed by UUs from local congregations, and UUSC is an international human rights organization. If you give through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), please remember:

- OpenDoor Housing Fund
ID#65151
www.opendoorhousingfund.org
- UUSC ID#11685 www.uusc.org
- UUSJ ID#17271 www.uusj.org - Celebrating 10 years of inspiring ideas, sharing resources and working together to advance social justice in the region
- Beacon House ID#85145
www.beaconhousedc.org

Welcome New Office Administrator, Phaedra Edwards



Phaedra was born in New England but has been living in the DC metro area for the past fifteen years. Phaedra has two

boys, Devin, age 11 and Colton, age 8. They keep her busy!

Phaedra joined the UUSterling staff in September as the Office Administrator.

Phaedra provides administrative support to Rev Anya, Minister, Linda Weaver, Director of Religious Exploration, the Membership Committee and the Board of Trustees. She updates the weekly Order of Service as well as the new membership database. Name tags? Sheâ€™s your girl. Part of her responsibility is to process accounts payable and provide information to the congregation and visitors about UUSterling.

Phaedra is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am until 2pm. She can be reached via email at administrator@uusterling.org or by phone at 703-406-3068.



Can You Believe What Happened Today?

Debbie Corbo

If anyone is interested in getting together an early evening "dinner discussion" social group to chat about the events of the day, maybe every other month or so, contact **Debbie Corbo** at debwings@gmail.com. We could do potluck or meet at a restaurant. Folks could bring a news clip to share – funny or serious; objective is a fun, social evening!



Day of Thanks Recognizes Interfaith Work in Loudoun Community

Leesburg, VA – November 9, 2009 – A full house of more than 175 guests, comprised of religious leaders and congregation members of all ages from the Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, Ba'hai, and Unitarian Universalist faiths gathered together to celebrate the first annual interfaith Day of Thanks event Sunday, November 8, 2009 at Ida Lee Recreation Center in Leesburg. The purpose of the event was to acknowledge and celebrate cultural and religious diversity in Loudoun County.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES Citizen and Youth Awards. Recipients of these awards included:

The Reverend Kate Bryant, Assistant to the Rector for Adult Ministries at St. James Episcopal Church in Leesburg, for her leadership in organizing the Six Voices, Six Faiths program held at St. James Episcopal Church in the spring of 2009.

Marshall Medoff and Syed Alam, who jointly oversaw the organization of a shared space for worship and faith activities for the Beth Chevarim Reform Congregation and the new All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) mosque in Ashburn. Mr. Medoff is the past President of the Beth Chevarim Reform Congregation. Mr. Alam is chairperson of the Ashburn Branch of the ADAMS Center.

Ezza Anees, a 12th grader at Broad Run High School, for having participated in several multicultural forums and events,

and for organizing a Muslim Student Association at Broad Run to foster interfaith dialogue among students and faculty.

Celia Lechtman, an 11th grader at Stone Bridge High School, for having sung at and participated in Interfaith activities, and for her vision to produce a CD featuring the melodies and songs of various faith traditions.

Both youth award winners received a cash award of \$750 to be used toward their college education or to support their future interfaith initiatives.

The event featured keynote speaker Ben O'Dell, Deputy Director at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and included an elaborate multicultural buffet dinner, and musical performances by musician and drummer Tom Teasley, the St. Andrew Bell Choir, and Sikh spiritual music youth group. Several local elected officials attended the program, including State Senator Mark Herring, and Loudoun County School Board members Robert DuPree, Chairman, and Tom Reed, member-at-large.

The mission of Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES (which stands for Building Relationships for Interfaith Dialogue, Goodwill, Education and Service) is to bring together communities of different faiths to collectively address common challenges, and to build bridges of understanding and respect between diverse religious and ethnic entities.

The Day of Thanks event was sponsored by faith communities, the ADAMS Center, INOVA Loudoun Hospital, and the Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation Tikva Fund.

December 2009

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6 10:30 Worship Service, "Doubt" Rev. Anya 11:45 Family Support Circle 3:30 AAFCJ	7	8	9 7 "Vespers Service"	10 7:30 Choir	11 7:30 Families Anonymous	12 6 AAFCJ
13 10:30 Worship Service, "Chanukah, Peace, and the Home" Rev. Anya 3:30 AAFCJ	14 7 Committee on Ministry	15	16 7 Lifespan Faith Development Council	17 7:30 Choir	18 6:30 Band Practice 7:30 Families Anonymous	19 5 AAFCJ
20 10:30 Worship Service, "These Windows and Doors" Rev. Anya 3:30 AAFCJ	21 "Solstice"	22	23	24 4:30 "No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant" 6 "Candlelight Christmas Service" 7:30 Choir	25 6 am AAFCJ	26 5 AAFCJ
27 10:30 Worship Service, "For All That Is Our Life" Rev. Kate Lehman 3:30 AAFCJ	28	29	30	31 7:30 Choir		



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UUS Mission Covenant Statement

The Unitarian Universalists of Sterling offer a place where reason and spirituality converge. We welcome members of the community who are seeking such a religious home.

Our mission is to make the community a better place to live by promoting a variety of religious expressions, working toward social justice, and fostering diversity. In order to carry out this mission, we covenant to listen to each other, encourage the exchange of creative thought, and respect our differences.

UUS Sunday Services 10:30 AM

Unitarian Universalists of Sterling meets at the Sterling Oaks Commerce Center Sterling, a handicapped-accessible 24-7 facility, located on 22135 Davis Drive near Route 28 and Church Road in Sterling, Virginia. Child care and children's religious education are both provided during worship services. Dress is casual. Children are encouraged to wear play clothes.

From Northbound Route 28: Take Route 28 North exit from the Dulles Toll Road. Turn right at Church Road. Turn right on Davis Drive. Go about one block and turn right into the parking lot.

From Southbound Route 28: Take Route 28 south from Route 7. Head east on Church Road. Turn right on Davis Drive. Go about one block and turn right into the parking lot.

From Westbound Route 7: Turn left at Sterling Boulevard. Turn right at Church Road. Go three miles. Turn left on Davis Drive. Go about one block and turn right into the parking lot.

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1/22 for February

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For information about times and dates of events concerning the life of the congregation, please go to www.uusterling.org / Keeping In Touch / UUS Calendar