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Minister's Musings



Dear Channing members and friends,

I reach out to you during a time of change. We see this in nature as the cold, dead earth transitions into the new life of spring. There is a tangible difference occurring that I have been blessed to witness on my weekly hikes. I had grown accustomed to seemingly lifeless trees, bare branches allowing me to

see through to mountains and hills in the distance. It is reflective of winter's introspection, time to connect to that still small voice within. This voice is often hidden, just as the hills are, when we transition to the bounties and glories of spring. With spring, the barren trees fill with buds and with blossoms as energetic life returns. Scents, colors, and noise introducing a time of joy and rejuvenation.

All of this to say, spring brings with it great change, and we feel this together as a church community. We hold in our hearts our beloved music director, Stephen. Stephen has served our church offering soul-filling, awe-producing music for many years. His talents shine and bring our worship service depth and meaning well beyond the written word. His postludes fill me with inspiration and hope. Not only this, Stephen was also crucial to our transition into Zoom worship services. He went above and beyond his role to coordinate logistics, as well as play music and embellish his songs with beautiful visuals. I am forever in debt. Stephen has been serving an interim role this past year as we found a new music director, and she has now arrived!

Gabbi, our new Music Director, is a blessing of a person. She brings with her so much energy, joy, passion, and talent. She is excited to bring a wide array of genres to the church and looks forward to blessing us with violin music as well as piano. She brings expertise crucial to reviving our beloved choir. Gabbi views musicians as "vessels of expression." This sentiment is a gift to a congregation so dedicated to the wonders of music. Gabbi attended Channing as a child and is eager to reconnect to the faith of her childhood. May we welcome Gabbi with open arms!

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Wayside Pulpit

Good is not a quality of life.
It is life itself.

--Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Please send submittals for the June 2024 issue of *The Channing Connection* to newsshare@channingmc.org by **7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2024.**

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As we celebrate a season of change, I invite you to reflect on your own lives. What were you able to see, within, through the barren branches of this time of introspection? How can we transition, now, to the abundance of spring? I invite us to engage in a series of questions. First, I ask, what makes you come alive? Just as daffodils flourish, so, too, may we. May we reconnect to that which rejuvenates us for a season of abundance. Second, what do you want to bring to the world, just as a tulip brings yellow, and a honeysuckle sweet nectar? The world awaits your gifts! My final question to you: what do you want to bloom within you? What do you envision as your own beautiful potential? Pause, and reflect. These are the questions of spring; these are the reflections I offer you this May. So reflect. Enact. Live. Thrive. And center, each day, in love.

With love,
Rev. Jane

Presentation on Administering Estates in Maryland



Most of us will have to administer an estate at some point in time. Please join the members and friends of Channing Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist, as we welcome guest speaker, **Byron MacFarlane, Howard County Register of Wills**, on **Wednesday evening, May 8, 7:00 p.m.** at Epiphany, 9122 Sybert Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

Learn about the probate process in Maryland, types of estates, the role of a personal representative, the importance of having a will and how to register a will, etc.

Mr. MacFarlane grew up in Howard County, attended Howard County schools and earned his Juris Doctor from University of Baltimore School of Law. He has extensive experience in public service and is an extremely engaging speaker. Bring your questions.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Immediately After the Worship Service

In accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the church bylaws, the purpose of the meeting shall be

- to receive a report from the Board on the state of the church;
- to consider the Church Plan and the Church's financial needs and resources related to the plan;
- to fill vacant positions on the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee;
- to conduct other business of the Congregation.

The following slate of Officers and Trustees was nominated by the Leadership Development and Nominating Committee (LDNC), and will be voted on by the congregation. These Officers and Trustees will each serve a two-year term (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026) on the Board of Trustees.

President—Angela Lesperance

Secretary—Ostara Hollyoak

Trustee at Large—Kathleen Razmus

Trustee at Large—Sheri Thomas

The congregation will also vote to confirm the LDNC nomination of **Evelyn Grim to a three-year term on the LDNC** (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027.)

Continuing on the Board will be Maureen Hayes (Treasurer) and Chris Lynch (Trustee at Large) and continuing on the LDNC will be Lynne Schaefer.

We hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting.

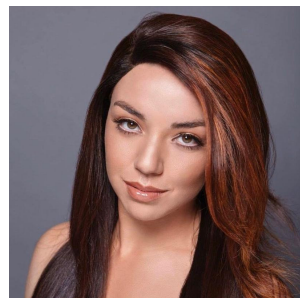
Come take part in creating beloved community!

Meet Gabrielle B. Channing's New Music Director

Dear Members and Friends,

The Music Director Search Team is pleased to present Gabrielle B. as the new Music Director of Channing Memorial Church, with the board of trustees unanimously accepting our unanimous recommendation.

Gabrielle is a violinist, alto vocalist, and pianist with eight years of experience as a music educator. She earned her Bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Louisville (KY) in 2011. She teaches private lessons in violin, piano, and voice to students ages 5-70+. She also holds awards in music leadership, including the Conductor's Institute of the University of South Carolina.



Gabrielle Boguslaw

Gabbi grew up in the Channing Memorial Church RE program back in the Pointers Run Elementary days, and she has fond memories of that experience. She is eager to reconnect with Unitarian Universalism for her own spirituality and for the spiritual development of her 9-year-old daughter. Embracing the inclusivity of our faith, Gabrielle is eager to bring to our services a variety of genres and world music from across the decades, drawing from a wealth of resources. She is excited about using music to inspire and to create connections. She looks forward to expanding her own repertoire--and to working with the minister and liturgy team to plan music for worship--as she grows into the music director role.

We had glowing recommendations from all three of Gabrielle's references, who were eager to sing her praises. They all attested to her character, describing her as sensitive, intelligent, wise, thoughtful, compassionate, dependable, flexible, creative, and fun (among many other wonderful qualities). They spoke highly of her communication and collaborative skills, which will be essential in working as part of the worship team. Her leadership, conducting, and teaching skills suggest that she would be an excellent choir director. She has strong musical skills, including sight reading, a great ear, improvisation, and skill with a wide variety of genres.

Gabrielle's philosophy in working with amateur musicians is to strive for excellence rather than perfection (and, where excellence is elusive, to focus on improvement). She has strategies for supporting congregational singing to rebuild confidence. Gabbi is prepared to revitalize Channing's "rusty" choir. Using techniques for the physical aspects of singing, as well as breath work that draws on the spiritual practices of yoga and meditation, Gabbi is confident in her ability to help singers sound better. She looks forward to working again with a group of musicians, having focused on individual instruction most recently. She also emphasizes personal connections with and through music, which she promotes with her positive, empathetic demeanor. She has a great deal of experience working with instrumentalists and looks forward to incorporating instrumental music into the liturgy, including her own violin performance. She views musicians as vessels of expression, bringing us closer to the divine.

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Violin is Gabrielle's main instrument, followed by voice and piano, and Church Music Director is a new role for her. Each music director we have had over the years has brought different gifts to the table, and we believe that Gabrielle's gifts will serve us well as we enter a new phase of the music program that re-energizes the choir. We appreciate everyone's support as Gabrielle learns the ropes and makes the music director role her own.

Gabrielle has accepted a letter of agreement with the board. Although her official start date is May 1, she will be working with Stephen on a transition plan for the first week or so. That gives Gabrielle a chance to settle in, and it gives the congregation an opportunity to say goodbye to Stephen before Gabrielle steps in for her first Sunday service. We know you will all give Gabrielle a warm welcome as our new music director--and a "welcome back" to Channing Memorial Church.

In Service,

The Music Director Search Team
(musicsearch@channingmc.org)

Pam E.

Ken G.

Anne H.

Jim V.

In collaboration with *Rev. Jane Bennett Smith*

UU Mental Health Network Service

Join us on Zoom for the **2nd Annual UU Mental Health Network (UUMHN) Service on May 19 at 7 PM**

Channing's Sheri Thomas, who serves on the UUMHN board, will be the featured speaker. For details, click on the link below or visit the UUMHN website at www.uumentalhealth.org.

<https://www.uumentalhealth.org/2024worship>

President's Column

I give thanks to the waves upholding me
Hail the great winds urging me on
Greet the infinite sea before me
Sing the sky my sailor's song
I was born upon the fathoms
Never harbor or port have I known
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
And the earth is my blue boat home

~Pete Mayer (*Blue Boat Home*)

When I attend a worship service, many types of waves uphold me, and I give thanks to them all. There are the readings, the prayers, and the words of the minister's sermon, as well as quiet moments of reflection and meditation. There is the presence of people around me and the uplifting sense of belonging I feel. But today, I want to lift up and give thanks for one of the most powerful waves that upholds me well after the worship service has ended, one that creates a safe and sacred space that urges me on toward deeper reflection, self-discovery, and renewal. Today, I want to lift up and give thanks for the power of music to inspire and transform and for the remarkable person who has brought this power to life in our community, our Music Director, Stephen D.

So often, in the ebb and flow of my daily life, my heart forgets that I am part of something larger than myself. At these times, I see no waves to uphold me. I am adrift and disconnected from the deepest parts of myself. At these times, music is a healing salve, and I know I will find refuge in the rhythms and reverence Stephen brings to our worship services.

Stephen's work encompasses much more than providing music for our services and conducting our choir. He skillfully uses the power of music to create a sense of community and spiritual engagement in a profoundly sacred atmosphere. His passion, leadership, and dedication have helped bring transformational worship to our sanctuary since he joined us in October of 2016. Since then, he has immersed us in waves of melodies and harmonies, allowing us to connect to what we hold sacred.

Stephen's contributions to our community extend well beyond what we see on Sunday mornings. Over the years, he helped us welcome Rev. Jane as our settled minister and steered us through a nomadic lifestyle of temporary Sunday morning worship spaces. He weathered the technical and logistical challenges (nightmares?) brought on by the Covid-imposed switch to online services. He addressed our profound sense of loss when Covid disrupted our gatherings and silenced our beloved choir by dedicating countless hours each week to collaborating with others in crafting high-quality online worship services. This effort bridged the gap created by our physical separation, ensuring that our community remained connected in spirit.

It is with deepest gratitude that I recognize and honor Stephen at this point of transition in our Music Ministry. Later this month, Stephen will step down from his role as

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our music director, leaving behind a legacy of music that lifted our spirits, comforted our souls, and offered moments of transcendence.

Stephen—

I give thanks for the waves of sound that upheld me and transported me from the ordinary to a place of awe and wonder.

I give thanks for the breath of words and melodies that touched me deeply and urged me on when I needed inspiration.

I give thanks for the joy I felt as you sang the sky your sailor's song.

I give thanks for communal singing, the choir, and your care and kindness.

And, I give thanks for your gifts, your grace, and the generosity of your spirit that enriched the journeys of your kindred pilgrim souls here at Channing. You are a blessing.

As we reflect on the power of music and honor the contributions of our Music Director, Stephen D., I invite you to experience one of the songs that is meaningful to many in our community. 'Blue Boat Home' is a hymn that speaks to the deep connection between our spiritual journeys and the vastness and mysteries of the universe.

You can listen to the song by following the link to Stephen's beautiful video. I hope its waves of melody and harmony uphold and uplift you as we give thanks for both the power of music and for Stephen's enduring impact on our beloved community.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/5xthamwqpbg0zlhhdwne/Blue-Boat-Home.mp4?rlkey=i5a7s0svj3c1z7cqvi3us64hh&dl=0>

All my best,

Kris

Beans and Bags for Bridges

The Beans and Bags for Bridges event will be held on Sunday, May 5th from 12:30-3pm at Centennial Park Pavilion H. The event will feature delicious chili from Absolutely Perfect Catering, live music, a silent auction, and a (friendly) cornhole tournament. I hope that some of us will plan to attend the event to support their much needed work and to connect with other like-minded folks in the community.



The Outreach Team at Channing sees this as not only an opportunity to support a worthy cause, but also an opportunity to gain Channing some visibility. Our donation will support the work of Bridges and also get Channing a mention in the event program and on other event promotional materials.

Summer Worship at Channing Memorial Church

This summer, the Channing Worship Team will continue to provide thoughtful and inspiring worship services on almost every Sunday. Highlights will include voices from both within and outside of our Congregation, including Pam E.'s auction sermon, David F.'s delicious "leftovers" sermons, and Ostara H.'s final sermon as a Worship Associate (kudos to Ostara, who has served on the team for 15 years!).

There will be three (3) Sundays on which regular worship service will not be held:

- **July 7th**, which is the weekend of the 4th of July Holiday
- **July 28th**, which will be a Summer Social event held at the Church
- **September 1st**, which is the weekend of the Labor Day Holiday

On the Sundays of July 7th and September 1st, there will be no worship service, and there are currently no plans for any kind of gathering. If you would like to organize a gathering, (examples from the past include hikes, labyrinth walks, social gatherings, etc., etc., etc.), please let the liturgy team (worship@channingmc.org) know soon so we can help publicize these gatherings. If there are no takers, we can all just enjoy a Sunday off.

In any case, we look forward to seeing you this summer at Church!

Love,

The Worship Team

A Discussion with Rev. Jane: Process Theology

Saturday, May 11, 1-2pm, held on Zoom

Please RSVP to Rev. Jane at minister@channingmc.org by May 4

Join Rev. Jane to reflect about a theology which is fundamental to her faith: Process Theology. Together we will explore the basics of a theology that focuses on a unique, intimate relationship with a caring, compassionate God. We will discuss several novel ideas, including the belief that God is not all-powerful, but offers the gift of persuasion. After the presentation, we will take time for questions and discussion.

A Discussion with Rev. Jane: Buddhism

Tuesday, May 28, 5-6pm, held on Zoom

Please RSVP to Rev. Jane at minister@channingmc.org by May 21

Join Rev. Jane in a discussion about the basics of Buddhism. Through a review of the book "The Foundations of Buddhism" by Rupert Gethin, we'll explore the tenets of this ancient world religion. Among other topics, we'll delve into the doctrine of karma and the Four Noble Truths. The hour will consist of a presentation followed by a time of small group reflection.

Lectio Divina

Our normal schedule is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. The next Meeting is on **May 14**. On zoom; Rev. Jane will send out the link and the poem, the link is also immediately below. Please let her know if you would like to be added to the list.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93324550758?pwd=VFVLZkdES21odTNHK1pWZ1pZb114UT09>

Meeting ID: 933 2455 0758

Passcode: 250704

This ancient practice allows us the opportunity to delve deep into a chosen text. Each gathering we will focus on one poem. We will read through the selected text several times, with a different focus on every read-through. After each, we will pause for several minutes of silent reflection, which will be followed by each person sharing their unique reflection.

Wisdom Tales

Many faith traditions and cultures throughout millennia have shared wisdom, knowledge, and insights through fictional tales and parables. Each month, we'll explore a different story, allowing these ancient narratives to spark conversation and reflection. Join Rev. Jane to engage with these ancient tales.

Our standing meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, 11am-12pm, held on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/94007522019?pwd=MEhIT11KbDRIUWViT-m9WeTFDTERrdz09>

Meeting ID: 940 0752 2019

Passcode: 665527

SAVE THE DATE:

CHANNING GET TOGETHER POTLUCK, JUNE 1 AT 6 PM

Looking for something fun to do on a Saturday night?

Bring a dish to share and join us at Epiphany on Saturday, June 1 at 6 p.m. for an evening of food and fun.

We're hoping to schedule additional potlucks on a regular basis, including another one in the Fall. Come and get to know Channing's new members and catch up with old friends.

- Sheri T.



Results of Our 2024-25 Pledge Drive

The Stewardship Committee is proud to share the results of our 2024-25 Pledge Drive. We received \$161,955 in pledges, which is 98% of our goal. I cannot express enough how grateful I am to our generous congregation for sending this strong show of support for our church! Much to my surprise, we far exceeded the \$10,900 Match Fund by receiving \$14,805 in matchable pledge increases. When we add the \$161,955 plus the \$10,900 in matched funds, Channing will have \$172,855 toward this year's operating expenses. This is strong footing from which we will start our budget planning for the coming fiscal year.

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in the Pledge Drive!

Sincerely,
Dan V., Stewardship Committee Chair

Board Bits...



The Board asked that LDNC recognize all those who helped with the move from the Park Ave to the Court House Square office at the next Sunday service. Thank you to all that helped with this important work!

The Board discussed logistics related to the Restroom Renovation Team. Kathleen R. has agreed to coordinate this project.

In an effort for us to gather together more socially, Sheri has volunteered to coordinate quarterly potlucks. Be on the lookout for the first one!

All committees and teams, including the Board, are working on their status reports in preparation for the Congregational meeting on May 19th. The Board thanks the Stewardship Team, The RE Search Committee, and the Outreach Team for submitting reports this month.

**Stewardship update
Year-to-date as of March 31, 2024**

General Operating Fund

Total Operating Income	\$146,119
Total Operating Expense	<u>- 134,656</u>
Difference	\$ 11,463



Channing Book Club

We meet on the second Saturday of the month, normally. See below. **We meet at the new office in the “Square ”at 10 a.m. weather permitting.** We’ll fall back to zoom **if** the weather is not friendly. Notice will be sent out if we make this change.



Please let Ken H. know at least three days in advance, or more, if you would like to participate by Zoom session.

- **For May 11 - The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown**

There’s an enjoyable movie out as well:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Boys_in_the_Boat_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Boys_in_the_Boat_(film))

Read the book first, though.

- **TBA** - A selected essay by Anne Lamott (Washington Post columnist).

What’s on your book list? Would you like to make it a selection for the book club so you can have good conversation about it? Let Ken H. know what you are thinking about, and contact Ken with any questions.

Introducing Ourselves to Our Neighbors



We wish to make ourselves known to residents of the neighborhood around our church meeting place. *Bernie Nebel* has prepared flyers with essential information. Now is the time for volunteers, preferably male-female pairs, to visit homes (only 6-7 homes after church), and deliver a personal invitation, (with or without an “elevator talk”).

If you are willing to or interested in participating in this service please contact Bernie N. He will provide further information, fliers, and assignments to particular homes. This is an effort that will be ongoing for the spring months.

Sunday Church Roles Signup Open through May!

Please [use this link](#) to give us a hand with everything that makes the weekly worship service run.

If you have any questions or need help signing up, please email me. Thank you!



-- Cathy F.

Men's Group

**Thursday, May 2 (10 am - 12 pm) on Zoom
and In-person May 16 (10 - 11:30 am)**



Everyone is welcome to join the men at either or both of these events. For the zoom meeting on **May 2**, a link will be sent out via the distribution list for the group. If you are not on that list and are interested, check with Ken Hart via email.

The **May 16** gathering will be at **Roggenart** on Rt. 40 east of Bethany Lane, at 10:00 am. **Please email Ken H. if you intend to attend.** We need enough responses to make this happen.

Young Adults Game Night



The Young Adults Game Night meets every **first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.** We'll have games and con-

versation. Anyone in their 20's, 30's and 40's is welcome.

This event is open to the public and folks are encouraged to share this event with anyone who may be interested. Contact *Patrick B.* for information.

Young Adult Small Group

Each month, our conversations range from imagination to courage to vulnerability. Before each gathering, we engage in individual reflection guided by a monthly Soul Matters packet. Delving deep into our reflections each month leads to meaningful conversation, and the prep work offers thoughts to reflect on between our gatherings.

We gather the **third Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm** for dinner and conversation. Young Adults include anyone in their 20s, 30s or 40s. It is always a good time, and we would love for you to join us!



Central East Region Summer Institute Registration Is Open

Have you thought about attending CERSI (Central East Region Summer Institute) July 7-13? [Registration is open!](#)

The 2024 theme speaker is [Rev. Julian Soto](#), a UU minister and activist, presenting **“Unlikely Superheroes: Skills for Practicing Faith and Ethics in Tough Times.”** Rev. Soto brings a remarkably loving presence and a depth of spiritual leadership. Prior to being a minister, they were also a teacher and a lawyer. Each of these has been a way for them to engage with people, with transformation, and with the goal of making the world a better place. [UUMAC](#), the UU Mid-Atlantic Community, will once again be joining CERSI at PennWest for the annual gathering.

Join us for a time of community, fellowship, networking, fun, music and so much more. There is programming for children, youth, young adults and adults - you will need to choose what you want to do (or not) each day! Learn more about this year's [adult morning seminars](#) and [afternoon workshops](#) at the CERSI website. You can still [apply for a job at CERSI](#) to underwrite part of the cost of attending and be part of the team that makes the magic happen. [Scholarship applications are open](#) with a deadline of May 31. Do note that registration rates go up June 1, so you want to register soon!

A once a year gathering of like-minded individuals can be life changing. CERSI has been described as an all-inclusive vacation for the family where children can grow, and everyone can be nurtured. Please join us.

Learn more at the CERSI website - www.cersiuu.org



Channing Spring Wildflower Walk on Saturday, April 20

(Auction Item sponsored
by Ron and RoseMarie
M.)

UUtheVote



The UUtheVote 2024 campaign is getting underway. Intersecting with several Unitarian Universalist Association programs such as Side With Love and the UU Service Committee's Love Resists, UUtheVote seeks to mobilize UUs, voters and local communities to understand the threats to our democracy, to engage with state action networks (like UULMMD) and collectively win on ballot measures that promote and affirm our UU values.

UUtheVote encourages congregations to become "Good Trouble" Congregations, honoring the late Congressman John Lewis who said, "Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble."

To become a Good Trouble Congregation, Channing must meet these goals:

Meet four total (at least two of each) to accomplish Good Trouble (GT) Congregation:

Organizing (meet at least two of six):

- Turn out 5 percent of members at a partner public action / witness
- Turn out 10 percent of members at UUTV political education event
- GT team table or canvasses at three (or more) public events
- At least 2 congregants are line warmers, poll workers, non-partisan poll observers, Election Defenders
- Reach 20 percent volunteer engagement in GT programming
- Act as Ballot Initiative Petition Hub or other ballot-related site


Voter Contact (meet at least two of five):

- Average 20 postcards or letters per member
- Average 200 text messages per member
- Average 20 calls per member
- Average 20 doorknocks per member
- Average 10 ballot petition signatures per member

Are you prepared to become a Good Trouble Congregation? Want to help? Contact Jim C.



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Young Adult Game Night 7:00-9:00 pm	<i>2</i> Men's Group on Zoom 10:00 am - 12:00 pm on Zoom	<i>3</i> Membership Team 2:00 pm Outreach Team 6:30-7:30 pm	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Worship Ser- vice 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Beans & Bags for Bridges 12:30-3pm Administration of Wills and Estates in MD Presentation 7:00 pm at Epiphany	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Wisdom Tales 11:00 am - 12: pm Minister's Office Hours 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Worship Team 1:30-3:00 pm	<i>11</i> Channing Book Club 10:00 am- 12:00 pm Process Theology Discussion 1:00-2:00 pm
<i>12</i> Worship Service 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Mother's Day 	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Minister's Office Hours 1:00 - 4:00 pm LDNC Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm Lectio Divina 7:00-8:00 pm	<i>15</i> Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:30 pm on Zoom Young Adult Group 7:00- 9:00 pm	<i>16</i> Men's Group 10:00 - 11:30 am at Rogge- nart	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Worship Service 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Annual Con- gregational Meeting after service UUMHN Ser- vice 7:00 pm	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Minister's Office Hours 1:00 - 4:00 pm Board Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Worship Service 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm	<i>27</i> Memorial Day	<i>28</i> Minister's Office Hours 1:00 - 4:00 pm Buddhism Dis- cussion on Zoom 5:00-6:00 pm Lectio Divina 7:00-8:00 pm	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	

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Channing Memorial Church, Unitarian Universalist

Our mission is to invite seekers into spiritual community, connect souls in mystery and wonder, and ignite compassion into action.

We are a church of liberal religious worship that inspires its members on their spiritual journeys. We derive a common spiritual center from Jewish and Christian roots while drawing inspiration from other world religions; promote religious education for all ages; create a welcoming, supporting, and caring community; and work together to build a better world.

We meet at 9122 Sybert Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Our Sunday worship service begins at 11:00 am.

Directions from the North on Route 29: Take Route 29 to Route 100 East, take first Exit Long Gate Parkway to stop sign (keep left at split). When traffic is clear, go straight across to Meadowbrook Lane, past the Park and Ride to the stop sign, turn right onto Sybert Drive. The church will be on your right.

Directions from the South on Route 29: Take Route 29 to Route 108, head East on Route 108 to first traffic light (Bendix Road), turn left onto Edgar Road; at stop sign turn right, then in two blocks turn left onto Parkvale Road. Continue to stop sign, then turn left onto Sybert Drive. The church will be on your right.