



What's with UUS

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



Minister's Message

Beginnings



The summer edges into autumn and a new year for the Unitarian Universalists of Sterling approaches. It is an honor to begin again, in your company, with

your welcome – to begin again, sharing the art of ministry, with our selves, our world, and the future of this great faith.

We live many beginnings. Our faith demands it. As Rob Hardees, the senior minister of All Souls in Washington D.C. puts it – “We are born again, and again, and again.” Rather than standing on constancy and creedal consistency, we walk together in search, we move together in a common call, and we begin together, again and again, with a shared hope and purpose.

Our first two worship services in September will speak of this momentum. On September 2 we will explore the “Seasons of Universalism,” asking how the Universalist faith has changed over its centuries of existence, and what we as Universalists, are called to embrace in this present season.

On September 9 we will share in an Ingathering. We will “Gather at the River,” exploring where the currents of our lives have washed us, and how they move us still. If you have collected a glass of water from the pools, faucets, lakes, rivers, or oceans of your summer, please, as a family or individual, bring it along. If you have not, please do bring a symbolic measure. We will each be invited to share, silently or with voice, a

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President's Message

Changes



“The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.” – Alfred North Whitehead

Welcome to UUS for the first time!

Yes, that is an odd statement regarding a congregation that has existed since 1993, but in many ways UUS is a new church. This should come as no surprise, since the primary objective of any interim church is to stop, reflect, and change in preparation for a bright future. Now that we have completed this process, it is a good time to stop and reflect on our changes so far and to consider changes that are likely to occur in the near future.

Of course, our most profound change was to become the kind of church capable of calling Rev. Anya. This is nothing to take for granted – calling a minister to a UU church is very much a matchmaking process, and it is bilateral.

If you are impressed with Rev. Anya, then be impressed with our congregation, because it was the charter of the Ministerial Search Committee not to find a ministerial candidate for UUS, but rather to find the right ministerial candidate for UUS. Had this church not evolved to a point where we and Rev. Anya agreed that she could serve our congregation well, we would be having a very different conversation right now.

An unfortunate change in UUS during our interim period is that we became a religious community that is less supportive of its members. Nobody should apologize for this fact, because it

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Worship Calendar

September 2

“Seasons of Universalism” by Rev. Anya Sammler. The Universalism that lives in our Unitarian Universalist faith has thrived in many forms, from early Christian thinkers to inspired colonial missionaries to mystical believers. What form does it take today and how should we mold it for tomorrow?

September 9

“Gather at the River” by Rev. Anya Sammler with the UUS Choir. Our annual Ingathering - Join us as we begin again, recollecting our summer adventures, celebrating and sharing the start of another promising year. This is an opportunity for intergenerational worship. Please bring a container of water that is from, or that symbolizes, the tap or natural water that you encountered over the summer months.

September 16

“Pray For Me” by Rev. Anya Sammler. In the context of a searching faith, a searching mind, a searching heart - where does prayer reside?

September 23

The Women's Earth-Based Spirituality (WEBS) group will explore the spirituality of the Fall Equinox with ritual, music, poetry, and prayer.

September 30

“Immigration, Assimilation, and Amnesty” by Rev. Anya Sammler. We will reflect on one religious response to the question of immigration. At this worship service, we will also welcome and honor new members of the congregation. If you are a new member, or if you plan on becoming a member in September, please contact Rev. Anya to be included in this recognition.

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bit of where our water is from and how our summer has washed and touched our lives. This service will be fully intergenerational and inclusive.

We are born again and again and again. Each new beginning can carry with it the wealth of the past, can sustain the depth of the present, and can imagine the breath of the future. What for you is the wealth of this community's past, of your past? What do you hold dear, and what will sustain you as we begin again? May we walk together carefully, aware of the proud rivers that have washed us, that hold us afloat, and that will carry us forward.

- Rev. Anya



Contact and Availability Information

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can be expected that a church relying on a ministerial presence for support will lose at least some of its cohesion during an interim period. In fact, the UUS community has held up very well despite the challenge of losing full-time ministry.

Still, we have seen situations arise in the past two years where Members and Friends have been upset and disillusioned, some to the point of leaving the church, because of this diminished cohesion. As we move forward into the next phase of our church history, it would serve us well to recognize that Rev. Anya and the church leadership will endeavor to improve UUS' ability to care for the congregation, but also that this is a change that will not happen instantaneously – please pardon our progress.

As Unitarian Universalists in the early 21st century, we are witnessing a major change in the nature of faith in our denomination, and it is a change that will certainly affect the evolution of our own congregation. To appreciate this change, we first have to acknowledge the fact that Unitarian Universalism has been mockingly (and somewhat accurately) described as “two proud religious traditions that combined to form none.”

Many have attributed UUism's difficulty in achieving traction as a religious movement to the following, in no particular order:

- Emphasizing individual spiritual journeys without applying effort to reach consensus on the common meaning of those journeys.
- Producing inoffensive statements concerning belief that in fact say very little about belief.
- Using worship to be informed *about* faith rather than be inspired *by* faith.

And, of course:

- Focusing on what UUism *is not* rather than what UUism *is*.

If you pay attention to what a new generation of UU ministers and leaders is saying, you quickly realize that they are very much about changing this situation in our denomination, and I believe it is a change that will ultimately benefit us greatly.

On September 14 and 15, Rev. Anya and the UUS Board will have a Board retreat at church. Among other goals, we will consider a vision for the future of UUS that takes account of the prospects of a more spiritually fulfilling, consensus-driven approach to the UU practice of faith, within the context of what makes sense for the congregation and Rev. Anya's ministry. The outcome will very likely be both challenging and rewarding, so stay tuned.

Yours in Faith,

Bryan



"What's With UUS" Goes Electronic

Beginning with the September 2007 issue, the UUS newsletter will no longer be routinely printed in hardcopy. Everyone is encouraged to access the newsletter from the UUS website at www.uusterling.org/newsletter.

Printed copies will still be available by request. If you would like to continue receiving a hard copy, please contact Linda Reeder at 571-451-9276 or mlreeder@gmail.com.

Religious Exploration

The church year begins on September 9 with the annual Ingathering. Children will join the adults in this intergenerational service, and there will be no Religious Exploration (RE) classes. However, nursery providers will care for any children too young to stay for the entire service. Encourage your children to bring a little water from a source that is meaningful to them, so they are prepared to participate in the water communion. The water can be from a place visited this summer or something as simple as the backyard sprinkler.

Children's RE classes begin on September 16. The focus this year is on biblical literacy and social action.

The Kindergarten through third grade class will introduce children to “super heroes” in Hebrew and Christian Bible stories. The students will explore how the lives of these people confirm the values Unitarian Universalists strive to promote. The class will also encourage children to use their own positive “super powers” as they grow spiritually and ethically.

Students in fourth through seventh grade will examine the fundamental stories of world religions. They will gain familiarity with stories from the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, along with other stories significant to western and eastern cultures. The class will reinforce the UU living traditions, promote appreciation of the student's own religious heritage, provide perspective in evaluating religious claims, and improve understanding of global conflicts.

One or two Sundays a month will be Social Action Sunday. On these days the two classes will meet together. Sometimes the children will discover super heroes at UUS. Throughout the year, several adults from our congregation will share how they strive to make the world a better place through involvement in a social action project or social justice issue. On other Social Action Sundays, the children will become heroes themselves by taking part in projects such as Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.

There are many ways to help make UUS an even better place for children and families. Consider volunteering to substitute teach, help supervise a special event or social action project, lead an activity such as music or craft one Sunday, or provide a snack. Just an hour or two of your time this year can enrich the lives of the children at UUS. You will also be giving a much-needed break to the parents who are regularly helping in RE throughout the year.

Contact Linda Weaver at weaver.linda@verizon.net to register your children, to sign up to help, or to get more information about Religious Exploration at UUS. If any member of your family has mobility, vision or hearing challenges, or any other special need, let us know how we can best serve her or him.



RE Schedule

DATE	LOWER ELEMENTARY	TWEENS
September 2	Living the UU Rainbow Principles (Last Summer RE Class)	
September 9	In-Gathering (No RE Class)	
September 16	Who is a Super Hero?	Timeline
September 23	Social Action Sunday – Stream Monitoring	
September 30	Abraham	Gilgamesh

“Small Group” Sunday

September 16 will be your opportunity to learn about all UUS small groups. We currently have six groups: Choir, Covenant Groups, Elder Care Support Group, Men’s Spirituality, Stream Monitoring, and the Women’s Earth-Based Spirituality Group. Each will have information and coffee hour snacks to lure you into conversation. Visit with the representatives from each group, learn what they are all about, and join one or more. Covenant Groups will begin meeting again in October. Signups for these groups will begin this Sunday too. UUS is definitely more than a Sunday service.

Roving Reporter

By Susan Rose

Do you have any advice for our new minister, Ayna Sammler? Or comments about her?

Holly (9) I think it would be hard work, but I know you can do it; have fun!

Ben (8) It’s so nice to have a young person like yourself to guide us!

Libby (6) I’m looking forward to having you as our minister!

Elin (4) I wish she would be our “love!”

Mattie (5) I hope she will like me!

Cedric (1½) I like cars!

Benefit Concert Friday, September 7

Soprano Linda Teasley and world percussionist Tom Teasley give American spirituals global sounds in a concert at 7:30 pm on Friday, September 7 at UUS. The duo combines well-known African- and Anglo-American spirituals with exotic instruments and rhythms from the Middle East, Cuba, Africa, Latin America and India. Proceeds go toward a donation to the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS)

Percussion artist Tom Teasley brings music that is worlds away into partnership with familiar songs. Deftly choosing among woven shakers, Egyptian tambourines, clay drums, goat toenail rattles, African djembé, and electronic drum synthesizer, he builds up churning streams of rhythm that drive away thoughts of anything else. Then, over these rolling, mesmerizing rhythms, Linda Teasley's clear soprano unlocks the quiet intensity of folk hymns like *Amazing Grace*, *Poor Wayfaring Stranger*, *Swing Low Sweet Chariot*, and *the Water is Wide*. Tom and Linda will also feature special selections from the Unitarian Universalist hymnbook.

"One of the great joys I get out of my musical life is taking musical practices from all different cultures, all different times", and "cross-pollinating" them, Tom Teasley explained in a recent interview with the Loudoun Times-Mirror. Part of the excitement comes from discovering the unique ways music developed around the world for healing or bringing people together. By infusing American folk music with drum patterns and drones from ancient Persia, Iraq, Egypt, Brazil, people can "become aware of another culture's history," and a common impulse to lift the spirit in music and song.

Tom and Linda Teasley teach in the Washington DC area. Tom serves as artist-in-residence at the Levine School of music and at All-Souls Unitarian Church, and gives workshops in the U.S. and Europe, where he engages students in opening their ears to the influences from other cultures. Linda Teasley is artistic director at Mitchellville Community School for the Arts, teaches

Volunteer at DC Green Festival

October 6 and 7

Location: Washington DC Convention Center

Hours: Saturday 10am - 8pm
Sunday 11am - 6pm

There will again be a Unitarian Universalist booth at the festival. Volunteers will be needed to staff the booth. Contact the UU's for Social Justice (UUSJ) office to volunteer at CSnavely@uusj.org or 301-588-1951.

Green Festival is celebrating what's working in our communities - across the District, Maryland and Virginia - for people, for business, and for the environment.

You'll enjoy more than 125 visionary speakers and 350 green businesses (start your holiday shopping now!), great how-to workshops, green films, a fair trade pavilion, yoga and movement classes, organic beer, delicious organic cuisine, and live music.



UUS Yard Sale on September 8th!



in a private studio, and sings service music as a soloist in area churches.

Samples of the Teasley's music are at www.tomteasley.com and www.lindateasley.com

The concert is the third in a series hosted by UUS to benefit LAWS. Admission is \$10.

For more information, contact Scott Findley at sfind39@aol.com.

UU Arlington Film Series

What: The Blue Marble Food and Film Series at the UU Church of Arlington

When: 6:30-9:00 pm each second Friday throughout the Fall

Cost: Free (but please bring something to share for the potluck dinner before the films)

Friday Sept. 14: *Freedom Fuels*

What are the alternatives to fossil fuels – and if they're so easy, cheap, and potentially plentiful – what's stopping us from changing over to biofuels? *Freedom Fuels* explores what's available here and now, and identifies the obstacles to realizing alternatives to fossil fuels. (Hint: organized money.)

Friday Oct. 12: *Black Diamonds*

In the region right next door, our Appalachian neighbors are caught between the grinding wheels of the national appetite for cheap energy and an enduring sense of their culture, pride, and natural beauty. "Black Diamonds" explores the impact of "mountaintop removal mining" has in their lives and the high spiritual cost of our dependence on coal-fired electricity.

Friday Nov. 9: "*Green: the New Red, White & Blue*"

Meet Thomas Friedman, a New York Times columnist who says "Sorry, but being green, focusing the nation on greater energy efficiency and conservation, is not some girlie-man issue. It is actually the most tough-minded, geostrategic, pro-growth and patriotic thing we can do." In this film, he travels the globe in a quest to unravel the tangled web of energy consumption. He visits the front lines of a 'green' revolution that is just taking shape – from the offices of Internet giant Google to a new Wal-Mart prototype green superstore. And demonstrates why it makes good business sense to go green.

P.S. These events will be "trash-free," except for some paper napkins.

Small Group Ministry

Where has the summer gone? September is here signaling the start of a new school year and the arrival of Rev Anya. She was excited to learn that we have a small group ministry program and is eager to work with each of the groups. We are all looking forward to her leadership and support.

Small groups are an important part of UUS, providing a way for members and friends to keep in touch and stay connected during the week; this contact can be just what you need, especially if you can't make every Sunday service. More information on all small groups is available on our website (www.uusterling.org). Watch for announcements from these groups. UUS small groups are always open to new members.

New Groups

It is easy to start a small group. If you like to read and would like to discuss what you read with other UUS'ers, or if you like to watch and discuss movies, or if you like to quilt or do other fabric-related things, you could start a group. More information is available on our website under the drop-down menu for ministry/small groups, or contact Shelley Tamres (Board liaison to Small Groups) at shelleytam@aol.com.

Choir

The choir rehearses one weeknight evening plus Sunday mornings when we sing. We are excited to be performing at Rev Anya's upcoming services. We are always looking for new members. See our music director, Dan Boothe, or any choir member if you are interested in joining the choir.

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups meet once a month during the school year to discuss a topic related to spiritual growth. The groups will begin meeting again in October; watch for announcements in September. Rev Anya will work with the groups this year, so be prepared for some interesting session topics! Send an email to Shelley Tamres at shelleytam@aol.com if you would like more information or check our website and pull down the menu bar

under 'Ministry' for more information.

Elder Care Support Group

The Elder Care Support Group meets for breakfast at 8:30am the second Sunday of each month at the Virginia Kitchen in Herndon to discuss issues related to caring for our parents. The coffee is always ready for us. If you would like to join this support group, contact Mike Berger at m.d.berger@ieee.org or just show up.

Men's Spirituality Group

The Men's Spirituality Group meets at the church on the second Friday of the month from 8-11pm. If you are interested in joining this friendly game of poker, contact Dave Scher at david_scher@yahoo.com.

Stream Monitoring

The UUS Stream Monitoring Group monitors Beaverdam Run in Ashburn. Members get together periodically to conduct a habitat survey and a biological survey according to a protocol. Results are submitted to the Loudoun County Wildlife Conservancy and the Loudoun County Watershed Watch and used for the annual "The State of Loudoun Streams" report. The Stream Monitoring Group encourages environmental stewardship and is an opportunity to learn, interact, and commune with our local environment. It's also a family-friendly, fun outdoor activity.

Women's Earth-Based Spirituality Group (WEBS)

In this circle of UUS women, we explore the UUA sixth source of wisdom - "Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature." The UUS WEBS group usually meets the fourth Friday of every month. Watch for the announcements. For more information, contact Kim Fitzgerald at Kimberly.Fitzgerald@ngc.com.

UUS Fundraising

As we begin a new chapter in our history, it is time to remind everyone of our ongoing efforts to generate funds for UUS. Our major fundraiser is the annual Stewardship (aka Pledge) Drive. This is when we ask members and friends to reflect on how they can support UUS via a sustaining pledge. These pledges provide the much-needed funds for staff salaries, rent, and other operating expenses.

We also hold the annual Auction in November. This is an auction of dinners and social events, services like leaf-raking and handyman work, travel destinations, and items deemed too special for the yard sale (see next paragraph). The Auction is also an opportunity to socialize with the UUS community and to enjoy a fun evening. The date of this important fundraiser has yet to be set, but start thinking of what you could donate!

The yard sale/flea market is another fundraiser we have held almost every year. We often have a large sale at our facility plus smaller ones at community yard sales in the area. Our first sale of this church year is **Saturday September 8, 2007** at the home of Michelle James in South Riding. These sales are a good time to de-clutter your home, purchase one-of-a-kind goodies, and have a hearty laugh or two!

Finally, on a weekly basis, I sell grocery scrip for Giant, Food Lion/Bloom, and Shopper's Food Warehouse. The church gets around 4% of the sales amount - and we hope to bring in \$4,000 this way. It is an easy way to help UUS - all you have to do is shop from these stores! We participate in the eScrip program for Safeway. The church gets money every time you use your red Safeway savings card. For more information, you can visit their website at www.eScrip.com. UUS needs new ideas for fundraising, so please feel free to chat with me at any time. And there is always room at the table for folks wanting to help with the efforts! Come talk to me!!

- Nancy McCormick

UUS Board Meeting

July 7, 2007, 11 AM - 1 PM

Board Transition

UUS Board Meeting

August 1, 2007, 7 PM - 9 PM

Membership/Communication

We've had 0 visitors since May. Currently there's been no interest in the Inquirer's Class.

Mike Masiak is going to talk to Paul Roach about getting the youth group to help Brian and him put up the new signs on Church Rd.

Mike Masiak has our new membership database designed and is currently working on conversion scripts.

That's about it for now. It's turning out to be a great, lazy summer!

Ministry

Personnel Issues:

- Rev. Anya and Linda have revised Linda's 2007-2008 DRE contract, which will be signed tomorrow.

- We are exploring the possibility of paying an administrator \$10/hour to work 8-10 hours per week, for a corresponding line item of \$4000 - \$5000. We need to draft an employment agreement.

Other:

- The UUS All-church retreat is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 at church.

- The UUS Board retreat is scheduled for Friday, October 14, location TBD.

Music/Sunday Morning

Choir is in its summer hiatus (except for those of us who are practicing the Brahms Requiem for Aug. 12 service). We are scheduled to resume rehearsals on Aug. 30. The next music committee meeting is this Sunday.

Dan sent an email, and he says that he will not be back on board with UUS until September and that and at that time we will want to discuss all sorts of plans for the upcoming months.

Notably, Dan would like to encourage more solo and duet music as well since we have a few people who would probably enjoy doing it and would do a nice job. These are things the music committee can brainstorm about when he gets back into town. Dan also says that, he is, "fascinated by the conjuration of "chant music" that seems almost spiritual. It would be nice to take on some of those projects too. "

Scott Findley has been brainstorming for possible performances by musicians outside of the choir.

Mike Masiak and Scott still play guitars regularly, and will soon have some presentable material.'

It would be nice to know who might be available for musical performances above and beyond the choir.

Tom Teasley says that he's interested in giving another performance (his third) on either September 7 or September 14. He will not be available until after November 1.

Religious Education

Have leaders, helpers and nursery supervisors for the rest of the summer.

Need 1 or 2 more teachers to have both a lower elementary class and a tween class.

At least one Sunday each month during the 2007-2008 year, both age groups will meet together to explore a social action or social justice topic. I will lead these lessons, often with a non-teaching congregation member.

RE Committee: Janice Thedes, Nikki George and Kim Fitzgerald will be on the RE Committee next year.

RE Space: The nursery and smallest RE room are ready for painting. Painting will take place Thursday, August 2nd.

Worship Associates/Facilities

Ideas were discussed regarding the order of service, continuance of sharing joys and concerns, and use of polylogs. Also a review of the responsibilities of the Sunday worship associate.

Rev. Anya took notes and had several questions for the group on procedures and traditions of our church.

The meeting was more of a first get-

together of the new committee members and a review of responsibilities and a chance for Rev. Anya to get a feel for how our services are run.

Facilities: Proposal from Dave Scher to have yoga classes in our space. To be discussed at the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Linda Weaver's Contract – Bryan George

Discuss budget adjustments – Alyssa Lum

UUA Dues update – Alyssa Lum

Fundraising Coordination – Alyssa Lum

20 October All Church Retreat, 14 September Board Retreat – Bryan George

Church Administration – Gus Douguieh

Database – Jeff Chandler

Event Planning Process – Judy Gruner

Liberal Religious Revival – Dave Miller

Sermon Publishing – Scott Findley

New Business:

Sublease proposal – Judy Gruner

Ingathering Service, Board Installation – Bryan George

Board Host Schedule

September	
2	Gus Douguieh
9	Bryan George
16	Dave Miller
23	Jeff Chandler

Next board meeting (7 PM @ UUS):

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						5:00PM-10:00PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:30AM-11:30AM Worship Service "Seasons of Universalism" - Rev. Anya Sammler's 1st Sunday; Children : Living the UU Rainbow Principles (Last Summer RE Class) (Weaver, Connors); Nursery: help needed 3:30PM-9:30PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy			7:00PM-9:30PM Board Meeting - Kim Fitzgerald	7:30PM-9:00PM Choir Rehearsal - Marv Matheny		6:00AM-5:00PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy 8:00AM-2:00PM RE Leader Orientation
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:30AM - Elder Care Breakfast @ Virginia Kitchen in Herndon - Mike Berger 10:30AM-11:30AM Worship Service Ingathering by Rev. Anya Sammler; Children : (no RE class); Nursery: help needed 3:30PM-9:30PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy				7:30PM-9:00PM Choir Rehearsal - Marv Matheny	6:30PM-9:30PM Board Retreat - Bryan George	8:30AM-11:00AM Board Retreat - Bryan George 5:00PM-10:00PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy
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10:30AM-11:30AM Worship Service "Pray For Me" by Rev. Anya Sammler; Children : Who is a Super Hero?/Timeline (help needed, help needed); Nursery: help needed 11:30AM-12:30PM Small Groups Sunday - Bonnie Lepoff 3:30PM-9:30PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy				7:30PM-9:00PM Choir Rehearsal - Marv Matheny	October Newsletter Deadline	5:00PM-10:00PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30AM-11:30AM Worship Service by TBA; Children : Social Action Sunday – Stream Monitoring (help needed, help needed); Nursery: help needed 3:30PM-9:30PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy		7:00PM-10:00PM Church space reserved for HOA meeting	7:00PM-9:00PM Membership Committee - Mike Masiak	7:30PM-9:00PM Choir Rehearsal - Marv Matheny	7:00PM-10:00PM Women's Spirituality - Becky Fockler	5:00PM-10:00PM AAFCJ - Joan Confoy
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Co-Treasurers - Alyssa Lum and Paul Roche *At-large* - Gus Douoguih, Judy Gruner, Scott Findley, Shelley Tamres

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. Turn left at 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.

What's with UUS

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10/19/07 for November

11/23/07 for December