

Worship Services

In the summer, we meet for thoughtful discussions. From September to June, we hear sermons from ministers once a month, either in person or read by one of our members. Members speak on the other Sundays, and we also hold eight intergenerational “Wheel of the Year” services in honor of the changing seasons, including the traditional UU Water Ceremony and Flower Communion.

Religious Exploration

On Sunday mornings, nursery care is provided for our youngest members. Children attend the first part of the service then meet for Sunday School at 10:45. Teens attend services with their families and meet at other times for activities and service projects. The discussion group “UU World, UU Life” meets on 3rd Sundays after the service, and adult classes on specific topics are held in fall, winter, and spring.

Social Justice

UUFSM donates an amount equal to 10% of its pledged income to charity and also conducts gift drives and food drives. We work with Three Oaks Center, where we helped create their vegetable garden, and with other local groups.

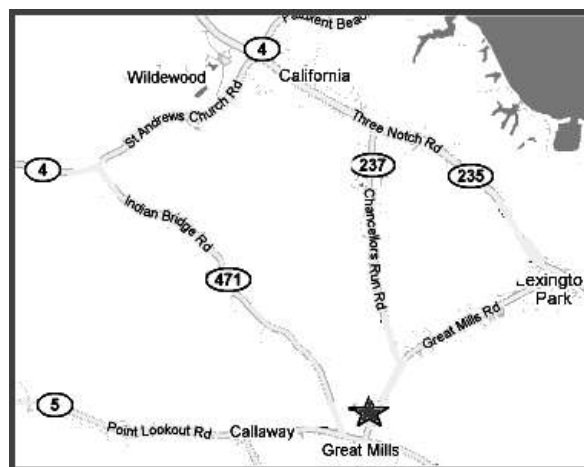
Activities

Small groups meet regularly. We enjoy our annual Labor Day picnic and potluck lunches each month, and we celebrate our anniversary with a dinner in March. People often go to concerts and plays together. We’ve gone birdwatching and canoeing, and we’ve watched the stars come out.

Come and join us!

Where and When We Meet

The Fellowship meets at 10:30 on Sunday mornings in the Chesapeake Public Charter School cafeteria on 20945 Great Mills Road in Lexington Park, Maryland. We often have discussion groups or classes before or after the service. Please check the website (uufsm.org) for details.



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Other nearby UU Congregations

- Davies Memorial UU Church, Camp Springs MD (dmuuc.org)
- Goodloe Memorial UU Congregation, Bowie MD (bowieuu.org)
- UU Church of Annapolis (uuca-md.org)
- UU Congregation of the Chesapeake, Hollywood MD (theuucc.org)

Welcome!



**Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship
of
Southern Maryland**



One Community

We Welcome...

All people, regardless of religious beliefs or sexual orientations, are welcome at the Fellowship. We cherish both our differences and our commonalities, and we strive to learn from each other.

Two Faiths

We Came From...

Unitarianism and **Universalism** both started in the 1600s in Europe as part of the Protestant Reformation. Unitarians believed in the unity of God, not a trinity. Universalists believed in universal salvation, which meant that all souls would eventually go to heaven. Both sects were brought to North America by settlers.



In 1961, the two agreed to consolidate to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. There are more than 1000 congregations in the United States and Canada, and more around the world. UUs come from a variety of religious backgrounds and hold an even wider variety of religious beliefs.

The **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Southern Maryland** was founded in 1993 by nine Unitarian Universalists who had moved to Southern Maryland. Since the winter of 2009 the Fellowship has been meeting at the Chesapeake Public Charter School. People come from Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties. Come join us!

Six Sources

We Honor...

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- 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.

Seven Principles

We Affirm...

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



Open Minds, Loving Hearts, Helping Hands

UUFSM VISION: The Fellowship envisions fulfilling our mission by creating a religious center where all people are welcome to participate in spiritual, social, intellectual, and artistic pursuits, so that the center will shine in the community as a beacon of reason, hope, and love.

UUFSM MISSION: The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Southern Maryland is to foster an open and caring community, to encourage people in their spiritual quests, and to work together in service to all.