



The CommUUnicator

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Look What's Coming

By Annie Foerster, Adult Education and Enrichment Team Leader

The Adult Education and Enrichment Team met recently to consider what we might offer in the coming year and beyond. The UUA recommends three educational levels: Getting Started (information for newcomers to Unitarian Universalism); Learning More (lessons for those seeking wider understanding of faith and history); and Going Deeper (opportunities for those seeking to better understand themselves and the world.) While adhering to these suggestions, we tried to choose topics that would appeal to all levels of experience and interest.

We have promised four multi-session learning experiences each year, plus a variety of one-time lectures or ongoing communities of learners. Excitement built as we discovered topics we'd like to learn more about ourselves and classes we'd like to facilitate. We took a page from Children's RE called Curriculum Mapping, going beyond a 12-month period to include future offerings, creating a *three-year* plan of educational offerings.

Several people have suggested dual platform classes—in person and online. We are exploring with other UU churches to learn what equipment and expertise we would need to acquire to provide that service.

Here are the opportunities we are looking forward to through December. Of course, if something comes up that would benefit from timely study or local and regional scrutiny, we would be flexible enough to make changes in the schedule. You can find the Adult Education and Enrichment Team's planned curricula through 2027 on our bulletin board, and soon it will be available on our website.

- *Pick My Brain.* Erin Milnes will lead an information sharing session on navigating Medicare and Medicaid on Sunday, November 10 at 12 noon in Chalice House. If you have a specific expertise related to this topic, please plan to attend and let us know by email at adultee@uufw.org.
- *Meditation.* Sharon Van Name and Sarah Ellen Swatt will conduct weekly lessons-and-practice in meditation. Dates and times will be announced in the newsletter and weekly email blast.
- *Come together to sing.* The Team is exploring a suggestion that we schedule periodic sing-alongs just for the heck of it, for fun and for shared socializing (wait, is there any other kind?) Dates and times will be announced.

If you would like to volunteer as a class facilitator or have a suggestion for additional classes, please contact adultee@uufw.org.

OKTOBERfest 2024

The 40+ people who bought a ticket for the OKTOBERfest 2024 had a blast. This was the Stewardship Committee’s first fundraiser of the season, and it cleared more than \$500 for the Fellowship. We sang German toasts, danced, played games, drank beer (nonalcoholic and otherwise) and feasted on a traditional German meal of wurst, red cabbage, German potato salad and Black Forest cake.

Thank you, Erin, Sylvia and all the volunteers who helped to make this event a big success.



Wir hatten eine tolle Zeit!



Community News

The Monacan Indian Nation's third annual **Cultural Heritage Day** will take place on Saturday, October 12 from noon to 5:00 P.M. at Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista. The event will include:

- **Traditional activities:** Native drum and dance performances
- **History-focused activities:** Genealogical tracing and oral history storytelling
- **Craft vendors:** Bead work and tribal design
- **Food vendors:** Fry bread and other foods
- **Native language learning:** Attendees will be given words to remember and can enter a drawing to win prizes if they recite them correctly
- **Raffle:** Tickets are on sale through October 12, and prizes will be awarded at the event

The Monacan Indian Nation is a federally recognized tribe with over 2,600 citizens. The Monacan people have lived at Bear Mountain in Amherst County for more than 10,000 years.



The Blessing of the Animals service last Sunday was an all-dog affair this year. Everyone behaved beautifully!

