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SUNDAY SERVICES

February, 2005

February 6

MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE

Rev. Larry Smith

Our heroes tell us who we aspire to become and the values that make for greatness in our own eyes. Who is a true hero?

February 13

THE BLESSING OF THE DIFFERENCE

Rev. Larry Smith

On the day before Valentine's Day, we will consider romantic relationships through the filter of the story of Ruth in the Jewish scriptures. What does a love story from ancient Palestine tell us about romance today?

February 20

SPIRITUAL PATHS

Ed Cohe, Bob Radcliffe, Mary Yeager

This service has been popular in the past. These Fellowship members will share parts of their life experience and give us a little insight into where their spiritual lives have been, where they are today, and how they got here. This is not easy to present — be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

February 27

HOW OPEN THE DOOR?

Rev. Larry Smith

It has been written that Unitarian Universalists have issues with authority. It might also be written that we also have issues with exclusion. Who do we open our doors to?

Service, Religious Education & Babysitting at 10:30 AM

FROM YOUR INTERIM MINISTER

There is something truly prophetic about writing a newsletter column in early January to cover probable events in February. I need to be able to predict what will be happening and the prevailing mood of the congregation.

“Overwhelmed” would probably be the word that best describes the mood of many these days. During this month we will be finishing the work of the Second Service Study Committee, voting on bylaw changes for the ministerial search process. Apparently, the standing church bylaws do not reflect the current recommendations for the ministerial search process according to the Unitarian Universalist Association’s Department of Ministerial Settlement.

During this month I would also like for you to consider committing yourself and your family to attending the 2005 Spring Conference of the Joseph Priestly District (JPD) of the Unitarian Universalist Association on April 8 and 9. It will be held at the Sheraton Park Ridge in King of Prussia. The conference will be an intergenerational event with programs for children and adults. Workshops at the JPD Conference will include “Breaking through the Growth Barrier—Without Breaking Up,” “The Spiritual Life,” “Top Ten Suggestions for Your Membership Committee,” “Writing and Performing in Creative Community,” “Families and Faith Communities,” “Regional Social Justice Work,” “Funding Your Dream,” and “The Eternal Yes Theatre.” This conference promises to be both informative and fun. For more information, contact the minister or check out the information on the table in the foyer. The cut-off date for regis-

tration (without any late fee) is March 1.

Renewing affiliation with the Unitarian Universalist Association, renewing denominational linkages, is one of the tasks of the interim ministry process. This is not just for the benefit of the denomination, or even to reconnect in preparation for the ministerial search process, but for the congregation’s greater good. Sometimes I have observed that members and committees of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester do not know that denominational resources exist to help the congregation through an is-

sue. Sometimes I have observed folks thinking that they had to invent a process when one already exists. Attending the district conference is a way to remedy that. Besides, being in the room with hundreds of Unitarian Universalists from our district gives one perspective and the feeling that we are not isolated.

I hope that you will consider attending the JPD conference. I’m planning to go and would like for a group of us to go together. It promises to be a great event.

See you in church,
Larry

FROM THE DOUBLE SERVICES COMMITTEE

In last month’s *Fellowtarian*, Lincoln Baxter reported on the “What Size Shall We Be” seminar, held in December. Forty-two members of the Fellowship attended that seminar, in which the structural dynamics of different types of churches were described. The group agreed that we are in a “between” or transitional phase between a pastoral and a program sized church. To get through the transition and grow to program size, we need to find a way to accommodate more people in our physical plant. The easiest way to do that without enlarging our building is to go to double Sunday services.

As a result of the seminar, the Double Services Committee was formed in early January to explore options for double services. The Committee has been meeting ever since under an aggressive schedule that calls for submitting a recommendation to the Board at its February meeting. The recommendation would then be presented to the Congregation for a possible vote at the February 13 Congregational meeting. As of this writing, the Committee anticipates meeting that schedule.

While the schedule is aggressive, the Committee is being very thorough in exploring the impact of double services on our Fellowship, and the options available for structuring these services. We are meeting with key committee people and staff members in all the areas that would be affected by double services: worship (including music), ushers and greeters, social hour, and religious education. We are also reading resource materials provided by the UUA, including input from other churches. Finally, we are seeking input from all of you, the members and friends of our Unitarian Fellowship.

As a first step toward gaining your input, we have circulated a congregational survey in Sunday services and via e-mail. Many people

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WHY DOUBLE SERVICES?

If the Fellowship foyer and meeting room were a highway, “logjam” would describe its appearance on a busy Sunday morning.

Existing members and friends, heading for the nametag rack, work their way around newcomers lined up to sign in. Others – clustered in groups of 2, 3, and 4 – occupy the remaining available space in the foyer. In the sanctuary, chairs that come close to the back of the room interfere with the comings and goings of folks hanging up coats or preparing coffee. The hubbub filters through the entire meeting room, making it difficult to create the kind of quiet, contemplative atmosphere that is conducive to meditation and worship.

Most of us are used to this and may think nothing of the crowded, noisy and difficult-to-manuever space. But to a newcomer, it can be intimidating and decidedly unwelcoming. After all, who wants to join a congregation when there is no room to accommodate more people? And for families with children, a trip to the religious education program downstairs completes the picture. There, they are greeted with inadequate space in the process of being renovated.

Double services would drastically change that picture and help us grow, especially if we included a Religious Education Program at each service. How? Let me count the ways:

- ✓ With double services, we would have fewer people in the foyer and sanctuary for any one service, thus creating a more open, welcoming atmosphere for new people.
- ✓ We would find it easier to spot and welcome new people in the less crowded space.

- ✓ We would be able to reduce the number of seats in the worship area, thus opening up the back of the meeting room to permit more space for social hour.
- ✓ We might also have space in the back of the meeting room for the coffee sale and information tables, which are currently adding to crowded conditions in the foyer.
- ✓ The greater separation between worship and “social

hour” space in the meeting room, combined with fewer people, would create less noise in the worship area.

- ✓ Our worship area would not only be smaller, there would be more empty seats, which would in turn foster growth. (Currently, 75 to 80% of our seats may be occupied before the children leave the service. Research has dem-

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FROM THE DOUBLE SERVICES COMMITTEE (CONT'D)

have already completed and returned the survey. If you have not done so, you will find a copy of it on page 11. Please fill it out and return it to the box in the Fellowship foyer. We would like all surveys returned by January 23 if possible, but we will accept them up to January 30.

We have also scheduled a congregational input session for after the service on Sunday, January 30. We will report on our progress at that time and will also receive verbal input. We encourage all to attend. If you cannot attend, or would simply prefer a more one-on-one conversation, you can talk to any of the committee members: Flo Miller (chair), Pam Baxter, Gerry Giess, Bob Radcliffe, Craig Talbot, and Mary Yeager. You can reach the double services committee via e-mail at doubleservices@ufwc.com.

Finally, the committee recognizes that going to double services can generate many concerns and questions on the part of the congregation. One of the greatest concerns is loss of community. Should we go to double services, we anticipate a very focused effort to provide ample opportunities for community outside of the service and coffee hour. As we grow, we will be able to offer a more diverse array of activities, and that, too, will help foster relationships that build community. Double services can add to the health and vitality of our congregation by opening space to grow – just as they did some 12-14 years ago, when we used double services to open up space in our former church home on Franklin Street.

It is important that you understand the need for double services at this time in our history. In a separate article, I have listed the many areas in which our building is currently operating over capacity and explained how double services would help relieve the crowding. I ask that you review this information prior to our congregational input session. I hope to see you there!

— Flo Miller, Chair, Double Services Committee

FROM THE PRESIDENT -- SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, CHARLOTTE, NC

I have been here for a little over a week now. I came down on a Saturday night ahead of a week of business meetings, to be followed by a week of house hunting, with the idea of checking out both of the Charlotte UU Churches. I did. And it was interesting.

I visited, the "big" Charlotte church (about 550 members) about a week ago, and the "smaller" North Charlotte church today. Wow, what a contrast! The large church runs a regular 9:00 service, a 10:30 inter-generational service (regular worship but shortened), and a full second service, at 11:15 (with full RE at both services). They have a very nice small pipe organ, which they use, along with their piano. They sang the doxology (with different words) as their chalice lighting song.

The sermon was a "State of the Congregation" message. It was based on the old joke that "We have good news and bad news: The good news is we have all the money we need, the bad is that it's in your pockets." Interestingly, they have been explicitly asking members to pledge at least 2% of their income in their Stewardship campaigns, and in the last year they committed to (and succeeded in) making their budget without any extra fundraisers. Wow!

The new minister they called two years ago (after an interim that followed a 30-year ministry) has apparently been rejuvenating them, after a period of relative stagnation.

The small church meets once at 10:30 in a small sanctuary they built. They had standing room only at the beginning of the service. In fact this too was a

"State of the Congregation" service. It was clear that they had noticed that they are gaining new members and losing older or recent members but had not figured out why. I could see West Chester all over this church. In fact it was painful to see, because they did not see at all clearly their own barriers to growth, and their leadership was not aware of some of the great literature on this subject.

We are about the same size as this church but way ahead in recognition of the growth issues we face. I came away proud of West Chester. If we continue on the path we have recently begun, I think we will break through.

Our double services study committee is hard at work figuring out what it will take to make this move to lowering the barriers and making space for others. The new vision and mission committee (lead by Susan Smith-Stedman) should be gearing up now, and if you want to participate

there is probably still time to join. Please contact me, Rev. Smith, or a board member. This group will probably meet twice a month to develop a new Vision and Mission statement for our church. I hope this can be presented at our next annual meeting. This will help immensely as the settlement committee begins to work on calling our next minister. Speaking of which...

Please mark Saturday March 5 (mid-morning to early afternoon) on your calendar if you are at all interested in working on the committee that will be calling our next minister. We will be meeting with Rev. Howard Dana (Joseph Priestly District Settlement Representative) to go over the settlement process. If you are interested in doing this important work, this is a meeting not to miss. More information will be forth coming.

— In Faith,
Lincoln Baxter



WHY DOUBLE SERVICES? (CONT'D)

- onstrated that congregations cease to grow when they reach that capacity.)
- ✓ With a Religious Education Program offered at both services, we would be able to accommodate more children in the RE space, thus solving one of our most pressing problems.
 - ✓ All of this combined would give us breathing room to grow before embarking on a major capital building project.

And finally – and perhaps most important – our double services would double the availability of UU worship to people in the West Chester area. We have found a spiritual home and comfort in our UU community. Wouldn't it be wonderful to provide this same opportunity to other like-minded individuals?

— Flo Miller, Chair, Double Services Committee

NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

As I'm writing this, we have just entered into another new year – 2005 is before us, full of potential and the promise of change. But before I look forward, I want to take a moment to look back, and bestow some thanks where they are due.

First, I want to thank the congregation as a whole for being receptive and supportive of new ways of doing things at our intergenerational services and for those of you who have given me feedback on your experience. Planning services that are neither too complex and long for little ears nor “dumbed down” for the youngest listeners, is a challenge. While I know that it is impossible to please everyone – even in a group of all adults or all children – Larry and the Religious Education Committee and I are striving to create services that will provide some portion that is meaningful to everyone.

Second, I want to thank the congregation for the outpouring of donations for foster children in Chester County. Before dropping off the items, I sorted everything, and have posted the list on the bulletin board downstairs. The Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children was delighted to receive our donations; especially the scarves that we made at the holiday intergenerational service.

Third, thanks are due for what I am calling “The Miracle of the Craft Donations.” Amazingly and thankfully, the amount of donations toward supplies for the holiday craft session not only covered the cost of the materials but actually put us \$10 ahead.

Finally, thanks to Sharon Mayer-Conroy and Marie Steel for agreeing to serve on the Religious Education Committee. It is always a happy event when we can welcome new Committee members, and the ideas, experience and energy that they bring. We are intentionally building and strengthening the Committee as we look ahead to the possibility of planning and conducting two RE programs each Sunday.

Serendipitously, I will be attending a two-day workshop on the Philosophy of Religious Education on January 21-22. The workshop will focus both on the “why” and the “how” of Unitarian Universalist religious education, and I'm sure this will be helpful as we sketch out and develop what we want a second RE program to be.

These are exciting times for us at UFWC as we work on growth. They also come with some anxiety. But as long as we keep the lines of communication open and work with our vision constantly in mind, I know that we will not just preserve, but will also strengthen the sense of community and purpose that binds us together. And I am grateful for the opportunity to serve my faith community as the DRE as we go through the process.

Note: Our next RE Family Social is Bowling & Pizza on Friday, February 18. Look for information elsewhere in the *Fellowtarian*.

Note of thanks: A brand new, battery-powered floor sweeper appeared downstairs with the note: “A present for the church.” Thanks to whoever donated this item — it's great for quick clean-ups.

— Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Ed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 11, 2005

The January meeting of the Board of Trustees took place on the evening of the 11th. Two new Ad Hoc Committees have been formed. One is the Double Services Study Committee, the other the New Vision/Mission Committee. The makeup of these committees was discussed. The Double Services Committee is working briskly towards analyzing all issues related to moving to double services. The New Vision/Mission Committee will present its results at the June congregation meeting.

A change to the UFWC By Laws was discussed. This change would involve the appointment of members to a Ministerial Search committee.

A letter to all members of the Congregation will soon be forthcoming. This letter will contain notification of a special Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on several matters of importance. This meeting will be held in February.

Two motions were passed relating to the rental of the Sanctuary. The first allows for the appointment of two to three members to review and clarify our rental procedures and policies, and to create a rental packet to be given to renters. The second allows for the appointment of a member as a “rental consultant” to work with Diane Vely regarding rentals and to bring all rental requests before the Board.

— Paul Sapko, Secretary

ANNUAL AUCTION 2004 WRAP-UP

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."— Winston Churchill.

Many Fellowship members came to the Annual Auction in October to give and have fun. Members bid on a variety of things including car washes, home made cookies, toffee making, massages, and pet sitting. It was also a fun family night. The Auction Committee hosted a pajama party with pizza and Star Wars movies for the congregation's children during the Auction. The event distributed 49 paddles and had over 100 people in attendance.

The event netted a grand total of \$10,971. Over \$2,000 was earned over the summer as a donated service through babysitting and rides to the airport! As the year progresses, you have an opportunity to continue to receive some of these great opportunities. Some of the items auctioned are available year round for additional donations to the church. Please contact Christina Brenner at 610-383-7474 or brennerfam@comcast.net for more information.

A Personal Account

Post auction, I was excited to begin collecting on my winning services. I purchased a service, which I traditionally take care of myself, but with two small children, I thought this year I could have a break. I contacted Steve Baxter of Baxter's Home Maintenance who quickly responded to my phone call (even though it was a donated service), gave a firm time commitment for the work to be performed, arrived on time and exceeded my expectations.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee has several events planned for this winter, and we urge you to participate.

Sat, Feb 5 -- Habitat for Humanity Workday. Please contact Mary Hepokoski at 610-518-9304 or hepo1111@comcast.net.

Fri, Feb 11 -- Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert at the Fellowship from 7 'til 9.

Sun, Mar 6 -- Sunday Service on Modern Slavery with Dawn Kriebel and Larry Smith.

As indicated, we are sponsoring a benefit concert for Tsunami relief on Friday, February 11 from 7 to 9. This is a FREE concert with eight different performers from the "coffeehouse" venue. All the music will be original, and all instruments will be acoustic. It's for adults and older children. And, of course, we will "pass the hat" in hopes of raising some additional money to send to OUR charity, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, to be used for Tsunami relief.

We have already raised almost \$2,300 for Tsunami relief by means of the special collection during the January 2 service. In addition, many of us made contributions directly on-line to UUSC. In fact, the response has been so overwhelming, that their computer system broke down. Normally, UUSC gets about five donations per day on their website. Last week they were getting contributions at a rate that was greater than one per minute. So UUs do care!

Related to that, here at UFWC we have already passed the \$3,500 mark for our annual "Guest at Your Table" fund raiser for the UUSC general fund, far surpassing any previous campaign; and not everyone has turned in his/her box yet. If you have not yet joined UUSC this year, there is still time. Just see Tom Townsend, or make a contribution on-line at UUSC.org. Remember: we have the greatest percentage of members in UUSC of any church in our district, and we want to keep it that way.

Postscript: Tom Townsend has been asked by UUSC in Boston to become the district representative, a position he has accepted. Accordingly, Rob Sartain will be the new local representative to UUSC from our Fellowship.

— Tom Townsend, Social Justice Chair

Working with Steve was a pleasure and we are fortunate to have such wonderful opportunities through the Annual Auction. In years past, I have never been disappointed with the things I have won at the Annual Auction.

So next year, pay attention to the deadlines and dates, a wonderful, fun, delightful evening is awaiting you and the benefits are very pleasant as well!

— Chris Brenner

NEW UU CLASS

Are you curious about the history of Unitarian Universalism? Do you want to know more about what our Fellowship offers? Do you have any questions about how our Fellowship is run? All this and more will be discussed at the New UU class.

The New UU class is a series of three meetings, each lasting about one hour. It was developed for those who are new to Unitarian Universalism or to our Fellowship, but "old" UU's are also welcome. The class on February 6, 13, and 20 — times to be announced. Childcare will be available if you request it at least one week in advance.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to become better acquainted with Unitarian Universalism and with our Fellowship. If you plan to attend the New UU class in February, please let Fred Frayer know. Fred is a member of the Growth Committee, and can be reached at frayer@verizon.net or 610-722-9367. Besides the number of people who plan to attend, please mention whether you have any special dietary needs. In addition, if you will need childcare, let Fred know how many children you will bring, and how old they are. RSVP by Monday, January 31.

If you are interested in the New UU class, but cannot attend in February, please let Fred know that, as well. The class will be offered again in May.

REMINDER: *Don't forget to buy grocery store certificates after the service.*

NEW WAY OF THINKING

The name change is now official. We are the Stewardship Campaign Committee, and we will plan our annual celebration dinner and subsequent efforts to seek financial support.

Stewardship is a strong sense of governing ourselves that creates ownership and responsibility for outcomes. This approach is very attractive to Unitarians, as we don't look for a leader who will tell us what to believe, but rather a community where all beliefs are respected.

As we grow, and all "own" this Fellowship we all must make a financial and human commitment to something outside ourselves...the health and vitality of our church. Then we can meet the need that comes from inside ourselves, our spiritual need. Perhaps that is through work on the Social Justice Committee, or touching young lives as an RE teacher, or organizing meals to shut-ins. Maybe you just like the thought provoking sermons or guest speakers.

Remember our annual celebration dinner on April 2. In early March invitations will be mailed to all who hope to make a financial commitment to the Fellowship. See you there!

— Kathy Neary, Stewardship Campaign Committee

WELCOME RECENT NEW MEMBERS

Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming our most recent new members: Valerie and John Maxwell, Juan Leon, and Amy Spare.



Through the efforts of Mark Steel and others we have a poster in the lobby with new member pictures and biographies. Also, look for more information in the coming weeks about the New Member Potluck, scheduled for February 27 at 6:00 p.m.

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Reminder... the Valentine's Dance is Saturday, February 12, from 7-10 p.m. in the sanctuary. For more details see the January *Fellowtarian*.



CARING CORNER

The members and friends of UFWC send their love and congratulations to Kate Rohde and her new husband, David Cohen. Kate and David were married on December 29 in North Palm Beach, Florida. Chris Robinson, a UU minister from Albuquerque and friend of Kate's, performed the ceremony. Family members and four close friends were in attendance. It was a beautiful sunny, warm day. Kate and David are very happy to be married after their years together. We are very, very happy for them!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE PLANS SOCIAL FUN EVENTS FOR CONGREGATION

The Fellowship committee volunteers provide social events for the congregation. Along with the congregation we are expanding, adding to our three major traditional events, first Friday game nights and other potlucks, and are looking for even more ideas. You can ask the committee to sponsor and assist you with an event, or you can provide an idea for the committee to run. We traditionally deal mainly with events open to the entire congregation, but in January we sponsored a 'gals' event. We are interested in ideas on a 'guy' event that 'the guys' would enjoy!

Scheduled events beyond February include:

- Our first Friday Game Nights and potlucks continue.
- Our second Thursday dinner meetings resume on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, 7 to 8 p.m. for meeting.
- A potluck at noon after the service on March 20 to celebrate the Vernal Equinox, or Palm Sunday, and/or just eat and enjoy each others company.
- A Seder meal at sundown on Sunday April 24 for those of us who would like to share a traditional (but not Kosher) ceremonial meal on the first day of Passover.
- Our potluck, BBQ, optional activities (softball, tennis, basketball, frisbee, playground, etc.), and/or just sit around and chat, congregational picnic at Hoopes Park after the Sunday service May 29, Memorial weekend.
- More to come...

If you have an idea for something fun that would be available to many or all of the congregation, talk to us. Current committee members include: Nancy Artus, Katie Cuffari, Beth Daniels, Cheryl Pittenger, Chris Seitzer, Craig Talbot, and Mary Yeager.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Twenty-two adult and youth members and friends of the Fellowship were part of our annual Day of Service team at the West



Chester Community Center. With everyone's help and hard work, we painted a huge community room in half a day, a task that would have taken a two-

person crew a week to accomplish. Everyone, young and old, pitched in to do a fantastic job! This was the largest group we've had for a Day of Service, and thanks to all who participated.

The Director of the Center has indicated they have a need for lots of help, including tutoring, arts and crafts supplies, and materials for their after-school programs. We'll identify ways the Fellowship can help more often than once a year. Keep an eye on this space for details to come.

— Rob Sartain

WELCOME ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS AT THE

NEW MEMBER POTLUCK DINNER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The annual dinner recognizing our new members is planned for Sunday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. New members need only bring an appetite. Members and friends should bring a dish to share and a desire to meet those who have joined in the last year. For those of you considering membership, now is a great time to formally join the congregation..



FEAST OF THE DECADENT CHOCOLATE DATE CHANGED TO FEBRUARY 20

A chocolate potluck after the service. Bring chocolate goodies to share after the service. The Fellowship Committee will provide baked ziti and salad, so that we can (if we wish) have a meal before we indulge. Please note this change of date to avoid conflicting with Congregational Meeting on February 13.

RE FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

RE Family Bowling Night is Friday, February 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Bowling Palace & Entertainment Center in



Downingtown. Bowling, pizza and fun! Cost is \$13 per person, which includes two hours of bowling, bumper bowling, shoe rental, lightweight bowling balls, unlimited pizza and soda, and the chance to hang out with old friends and make new ones.

Your RSVP by February 16 is not required but will be helpful. The Palace is at 977 Lincoln Highway, next to Home Depot. To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Marie Steel at 610-701-9514 or mariest2004@aol.com.

FLEA MARKET

The date has not been set, but we are planning on a Flea Market this spring. This is an early notice for those early bird cleaners to set aside good-quality items for resale. More details in future issues of the *Fellowtarian*.

— Mary Hepokoski, Co-chair

HELP WANTED

As we become better known in the community, we are receiving more requests to rent our facility. We need to update our current rental policies, procedures, and fees. The Board needs 2-3 people to serve on an ad-hoc committee to study these issues and make recommendations. You can make an important contribution to the Fellowship with a short-term commitment. Contact Cyndy Bullaughey at 610-793-2370 cyndy@bullaughey.com.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

NEW BOOK for February!
Sunday, February 13 - 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

We have changed books for February. We will be reading *The Kite Runner*, a novel about Afghanistan by Khaled



Hosseini. Hosseini's novel begins in the time before the Soviet Invasion

and ends with the Taliban. It is a story about "fathers and sons, friendship and betrayal that takes us from the final days of the monarchy to atrocities of the present."

We hear is a great read. Hope you can join us on downstairs at the Fellowship. Contact Shelly Case at 610-431-4011 or mscase@gmail.com or Ruth MacFadyen 610-436-5158 or ruthmacfadyen@yahoo.com.

POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

The monthly Potluck Dinner and Game Night will be Friday, February 4, starting at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship building. This is not just for families or children; everyone — member, friend, or guest — is invited to come.

Please bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game you wish to play. Paper products are provided. This is an informal event. Contact Mary Yeager at 610 429-8168 or yeagerhome@comcast.net.

FOLK SINGING

Folk singing will be Saturday, February 26, at 8 p.m. at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. All are welcome. Bring a munchie, if you like. Brochures with maps are on the Welcome Table. Contact Steve at ssander@comcast.net or 610-399-6107.

Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert

Friday, February 11 7:00 – 9:00 PM
at the Fellowship

Acoustic Performances of Live, Original Music

For adults and older children

Free Admission Donations Encouraged

***Sponsored by the UFWC Social Justice Committee
Proceeds go to the UUSC-UUA Tsunami Relief Fund***

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

- Jan 30 Sun Double Services Congregational Input Session.** See pp. 2-4, 11.
- Feb 1 Tue Finance Committee.** 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. Contact Erach Patel 610-719-8180 or erachp@comcast.net.
- Feb 2 Wed UU History Class.** 7 pm. at the Fellowship. Session 1. See January *Fellowtarian*.
- Feb 4 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. at Atlanta Bread Company. E-mail Linda Sander at lindasander@comcast.net to be added to the e-mail reminder list.
- Potluck and Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 9.
- Feb 5 Sat Habitat for Humanity.** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See "Social Justice", p. 6.
- Feb 6 Sun Simplicity Circle.** 12:15 pm after the service in the sanctuary. Contact Eleanor Sinclair 610-436-8151 or sinparlez@erols.com.
- Social Justice Committee.** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. Contact Tom Townsend 610-388-9559 or ttownsend@voicenet.com.
- New UU Class.** Session 1. Time TBA. See p. 7.
- Feb 8 Tue Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. All are welcome.
- Feb 9 Wed UU History Class.** 7 pm. at the Fellowship. Session 2. See January *Fellowtarian*.
- Feb 11 Fri Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert.** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. See p. 9.
- Feb 12 Sat Valentine's Dance.** 7-10 p.m. at the Fellowship. See January *Fellowtarian*, p.7.
- Feb 13 Sun Special Congregational Meeting.** After the service. Watch for the notification letter that will be mailed to all members.
- Safe Harbor Dinner.** Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact Catherine Sachs, 610-692-0991 or crbcs60@yahoo.com, to help.
- Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group.** Downstairs at the Fellowship. 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. See p. 9.
- New UU Class.** Session 2. Time TBA. See p. 7.
- Feb 16 Wed UU History Class.** 7 pm. at the Fellowship. Session 3. See January *Fellowtarian*.
- Feb 18 Fri RE Family Social.** Bowling & Pizza. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. See p. 9.
- Feb 20 Sun Feast of the Decadent Chocolate.** *Please note date change.* See p. 8.
- New UU Class.** Session 3. Time TBA. See p. 7.
- Feb 23 Wed UU History Class.** 7 pm. at the Fellowship. Session 4. See January *Fellowtarian*.
- Feb 26 Sat Lunch for the Needy.** Fourth Saturday of the month at the Salvation Army. Contact Catherine Sachs, 610-692-0991 or crbcs60@yahoo.com, to help.
- Folk Singing.** 8:00 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 9.
- Feb 27 Sun Annual New Member Potluck.** 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to this special event honoring new members. See p. 8.
- Mar 1 Tue JPD Spring Conference Registration Deadline.** See "Minister", p. 2.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

Youth Group meets most Sunday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. downstairs at the Fellowship. Contact Michael Werner 610-429-1176 or mirokada@fast.net.

Choir Rehearsal. Sundays at 9:00 a.m. New members are welcome.

Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester
DOUBLE SERVICES COMMITTEE
CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

The Double Services Committee is investigating scenarios for double services. We anticipate issuing a report to the Board at their February meeting. Input from the congregation is critical to our recommendation. The final decision will be by vote of the congregation.

1. Are you a member of the Fellowship? _____
How many years? _____
2. Are you a friend of the Fellowship? _____
How many years? _____
3. How many services per month do you attend? _____
4. Do you have children? ____ Number of children? _____
Ages/grades _____
5. If we have two services, what would be your preferences for time? Choose two.
8 am __ 8:30 am __ 9am __ 9:30 am __ 10 am __ 10:30 am __ 11 am __
6. Which service would you be most likely to attend? _____
7. Would a choice of two different Religious Education programs affect your decision about which service to attend? [i.e., a grade level curriculum program (our current model) at one service and a thematic multi-age program at another]. _____
8. If so, which type of program would you prefer? _____

If desired, please comment on these questions or anything related to double services. Use the other side of this questionnaire, if needed.

Please return to the box in the lobby today by January 23 if possible; submissions up to Jan. 30 will be accepted.

Direct any other questions to:

Florence Miller, Chair, Double Services Committee, doubleservices@ufwc.org or 610-363-1299 or **Pamela Baxter**, Director of Religious Education, dre@ufwc.org or 610-935-2711

Other members of the Double Services Committee are: Gerry Giess, Bob Radcliffe, Sandy Schaal, Craig Talbot, Mary Yeager