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## SUNDAY SERVICES

### April, 2005

**April 3**

**A LEARNED MINISTRY**

**Rev. Larry Smith**

Vocational ministry is different in the Unitarian Universalist context. As this congregation will be seeking a settled minister in the next year it would be helpful to understand the differences between clergy in our liberal faith and other faiths. What makes us different?

**April 10**

**THEOLOGIES OF THE LIBERAL CHURCH**

**Rev. Larry Smith**

Though we affirm freedom, reason and compassion, Unitarian Universalists believe different things about the universe, God and ultimate reality. Today we will explore the differences that unite us.

**April 17**

**WHO IS GOD?**

**Youth Group**

This annual service is a wonderful opportunity to see issues through the eyes of our youth. This year the youth will act out a short play, *The Green Couch*, which explores one view of what/who God may be. If time allows, there will then be a discussion about who God is to them and to you.

**April 24**

**THE SUBTLETY OF WATER**

**Rev. Larry Smith**

Taoist philosophy teaches us to understand and examine the natural world in order to learn the way. What lessons does the "water-course way" teach us?

Service, Religious Education & Babysitting at 10:30 AM

## FROM YOUR INTERIM MINISTER

There's a story about a man who prayed that he would win the lottery. Every night he was on his knees asking the Almighty to grant him a big win. Every morning he awoke disappointed that he was not wealthy. Finally, one night he prayed that heaven would send him a sign so he could win. As he prayed he heard the Goddess' booming voice from above saying, "I'll let you win the lottery but first you have to buy a ticket!"

Though there might be many morals to this story, I would prefer to believe that the most important moral is that good things do not just happen. The religious services of this church, singing, choir, sermon, sharing, do not just happen. The quality religious education of children in this congregation does not just happen. Fellowship social events do not just happen. Youth group events do not just happen. The outward mission, social justice work, of this congregation does not just happen. The cleaning and maintenance of the building and grounds does not just happen.

All of this takes work and a generous spirit and people willing to give to this community. For many people in the Unitarian Fellowship this means serving on committees, teaching children, planning events, shoveling snow, repairing leaky faucets. In truth, you give much to this congregation. A free church is a challenging place. It must seem at times that besides believing in the priesthood and prophethood of all believers, that we believe in the service of all believers as well.

As you continue to give of your time and money, I want to

thank you for supporting liberal religion. Thank you for caring for each other, giving a kind word to those troubled in mind, body and spirit. Thank you for staying late at night at the Fellowship to wrestle with an issue in committee when your body is tired from a full day at work. Thank you for speaking to the child who needs your gentle but firm reproach on Sunday morning. Thank you for speaking to the shy visitor who is anxious about attending her first Unitarian Universalist Sunday service. Thank you for speaking to someone who has lit a candle of concern. Thank you for being willing to change your routine for the good of your church.

Finally, thank you for being willing to adventure into another stage in this church's life. Your commitment to change is amazing, and I believe that as long as you are willing to explore new possibilities, you will find growth in every way.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging the liberal religious spirit in this community and in the larger community as well.

See you in church.

-- Larry

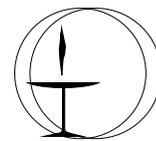
## BOARD MEETING MARCH 8, 2005

Several members of the Board will attend the upcoming Joseph Priestly District Conference. A meeting will take place at the Conference to discuss the creation of a District Endowment Fund to be used to support and enhance the Congregations.

The Board formed an ad hoc committee to examine our By Laws. Any recommendations will be discussed at future Board meetings. Reverend Howard Papa met with the Board to talk about the Joseph Priestly District's Metro Growth Plan ("Vital Congregations").

A motion was passed to form a UFWC Past President's Council. This Council will advise the Board during the creation of the slate comprising candidates for the Ministerial Search Committee.

— Paul Sapko, Secretary



## CELEBRATION DINNER DID YOU RSVP?

The Celebration Dinner to kick-off our stewardship campaign is April 2. Please RSVP by March 23, to Kathy Neary, 610-429-0448 or DinnerUFWC@aol.com. We need to know if you are coming. If you didn't receive an invitation, would like to attend, and are considering making a financial pledge of support please let Kathy know and she will add you to the list. It promises to be a fun evening as we celebrate our religious community and enjoy socializing together, great food and special entertainment.

— Cyndy Bullaughey

## FROM YOUR INTERIM PRESIDENT

Some of you know, but many may not, that I was president of a congregation in Minnesota when my husband, Peter, was transferred to PA about three years ago. I have been thinking a lot about the vice president who took over when I left. Becoming president mid-year feels like jumping from a moving vehicle and trying to land on one's feet. After a month I feel like I am on my feet, but still trying not to stumble.

Ministerial Search. How are you doing on your assignment? The search process for a new minister started several weeks ago when the district settlement minister, the Rev. Howard Dana, spoke to members of the congregation. He gave us an assignment, which I tried to pass on in church the next day and in an email last week, and which I will repeat here.

We were all to think about "Who in the congregation would you trust with confidential personal information?" "Who would you trust to pick our next minister?" "Who would make a positive impression on ministers considering UFWC?" We were to contact those individuals and encourage them to apply for our Search Committee. Or we were to consider applying!

If you want to learn more about the search process and the commitment it involves, go to <http://www.uua.org/programs/ministry/settlement/2004handbook.html>.

The application form is available on our website, UFWC.org, in the member's area or at the Fellowship (look for the hot pink forms). **The deadline for receiving applications is March 30.**

A joint committee of the board and available past presidents will select a slate of seven members to present at a special congregational meeting tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 17 at noon. The committee will start meeting immediately to begin their work.

Alarms going off at UFWC. We have been having a problem with people not properly locking the church. If you are the last person out of the building, and you set the alarm, you must make sure that the door is locked. Once out of the building, check to make sure the door is locked! Otherwise, it is possible for someone coming to the church who does not know the code and is without a key to enter the building and set off the alarm. This is inconvenient, and false alarms are expensive.

If you find yourself the last person in the building and you do not know or remember the code, you can lock the door without a key (and without setting the

alarm) by pushing the button below the latch on the latch plate on the edge of the door. Then check the door from the outside to make sure it is locked.

The future. My vision of UFWC has more people prepared to be leaders. Before I became a president several years ago, I attended a leadership training workshop in the Midwest. A similar opportunity is available here. **Unilead 2005** will be held July 17-23 in Bangor, Pennsylvania. It would be great to see several members make that kind of investment in the future of our congregation. Check it out at [www.Unilead.org](http://www.Unilead.org).

Or consider attending the **UUA General Assembly**, June 23 – June 27 in Fort Worth, Texas. GA ([www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)) is something I have heard wonderful things about but not yet experienced. It is on my "to do" list in the future.

— Mary Hepokoski  
President@UFWC.org

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REQUEST

The good news is that everyone's events are filling the schedule. The bad news is the need for reschedulings, even after initial communications, due to conflicts. We promise to use a copy of the most recent calendar available when scheduling, and to try to get items on the official and online calendars ASAP. We will look not only at conflicts but events for similar audiences in close proximity. We appreciate your committee doing the same, and all taking any oops' with good nature. And we expect that with our growth, even overlapping events will sometime soon be sustainable (as long as we can work out space accommodations). Thanks.

### WORK PARTY

The next work party is Saturday, April 16, 9 am – 2 pm.  
Contact Tilo Stahl at [building@ufwc.org](mailto:building@ufwc.org).

## NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Last month, the Religious Education Committee crafted a new Mission Statement. This replaces the existing statement from 1993. Here is the new Mission Statement:

*Our mission is to provide the children of our Congregation with a positive experience of a faith community, to educate them in Unitarian Universalist principles and values, to empower them to embark on a path of personal faith development, to create in them an awareness and appreciation of the major faith traditions that shape our world, and to provide opportunities for them to put our Unitarian Universalist Principles into action.*

The visioning work the Committee did at our February retreat made tackling the Mission Statement much easier. At our next meeting we will complete the process by developing goals that support the Mission. While this is important work to do at any time, I consider all of this – visioning, updating our Mission Statement, and listing our goals for the program – to be particularly important at this time. I see it as necessary groundwork in developing the second religious education program that we have committed to providing for double services starting this fall.

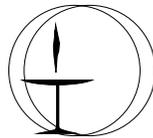
In other RE news, everyone who turned out for the RE Family Bowling night in February had a great time, and we're looking forward to our next Family Social – a hike and picnic at Valley Forge Park on April 30. Look for details elsewhere in the *Fellowtarian*. If you haven't yet been able to come out to one of these events, please do. They're

great fun – a chance for the children to have fun outside of church, to get to know each other better and to interact with adults in our Fellowship community other than their teachers.

It's interesting to look back and see that these outside events tie in directly with the first part of our Mission Statement, "to provide . . . a positive experience of a faith community."

By the time this *Fellowtarian* reaches you, there will have been another Work Party at the Fellowship. Thanks to everyone who continues to work on making our classroom space clean, inviting and safe for our children.

— Pam Baxter  
Director of Religious Education



## NEW MEMBER DINNER A SUCCESS

Thank you all for such a wonderful welcome to the new members! The food was out of this world, in a word — Spectacular! We cannot thank you all enough. From the set-up to the cleanup, we could not have done it without you. And a special thanks goes to those on the membership committee for all their hard work.

Lets make this a bi-yearly event starting this year.

— Mark Steel and Fred Frayer  
Membership Committee  
Co-chairs

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

The youth group continues to maintain a very active schedule. In addition to our youth group activities, outside activities have included job searches, college applications, SATs, school musical productions, robotics competitions, public speaking contests, scouting events, spring sports, debate, improvisation club, and sometimes even homework. Within the group, we've talked about concepts of divinity, spirituality, and membership in the Fellowship.

We are planning on a visit to the Pottstown Fellowship to help them jumpstart their youth group, and we are expecting a visit from the Annapolis, MD Fellowship Youth Group to talk about various fund raising opportunities and experience.

Meanwhile, we are planning another world-renowned Youth Sunday service for April 17 and perhaps two more band concerts. Our previous band concert was so successful, band members are stopping youth group members in the school hallways with offers to play. If you have not had a chance to see our hall filled with youth enjoying their own music, you have truly missed out on a major social event.

The Youth group is open to Fellowship affiliated youth from eighth to twelfth grade. We meet every Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship basement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail Michael Werner at youth-group@ufwc.org or 610-429-1176.

## CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY ABOUND

People whose spiritual journey steers them to our Fellowship have many different backgrounds and points of view. Two common traits are tolerance and patience, traits that will come in handy during our growth period. The next 18 months may seem like a whirling dervish, especially compared to the comfortable “we have always done it this way” method of planning.

There is a newly established Vision Committee and a Double Services Committee. Fairly soon, we will have a New Ministerial Search Committee, too. If that isn't enough, we are planning building renovations to accommodate our growth needs.

Even the way the Stewardship Campaign will be conducted this year may be new to you. Members and friends of the congregation will have the opportunity to attend one of several informal stewardship gatherings in members' homes. There will be a facilitator to present information and engage you in some fun discussion over tasty refreshments. You will also be given a private opportunity to make your financial pledge and hopefully a one-time contribution to the transition fund to cover one-time expenses anticipated this fiscal year and next. There will be a number of different dates and times for these gatherings. You will be able to sign up via the website at [www.ufwc.org/setwardship\\_gathering.htm](http://www.ufwc.org/setwardship_gathering.htm) or you may elect to register for a gathering by phone or email using information in a brochure that you will be receiving. If you bring your calendar to the April 2 dinner, sign-up sheets will be available. If, instead, you prefer

the traditional personal approach, you may elect to have a representative of the Stewardship Campaign Committee visit you in your home or another convenient place.

With all this change, is it possible that there will be a communication breakdown somewhere? Or a clerical mistake? Or a memory lapse? Sure. Is it more likely that you will feel connected to your church and its mission? Or become involved and enthusiastic about the expansion? Or meet new people with shared interests and beliefs? We hope so.

Let the whirling dervish begin. We welcome the change and the opportunities it will bring because we are all in this together!

— Kathy Neary and  
Ed Cohle

## USHERS AND GREETERS WE NEED YOU!

It's that time of the year when we start to organize for the September 2005-06 volunteers for Ushering and Greeting. Because of double services we need at least 32 volunteers — we had 16 last year so it worked out that a volunteer averaged once every other month.

You will find the sign up sheets in the lobby. Thank you so much for making this Fellowship the best it can be.

— Mark Steel  
[membership@ufwc.org](mailto:membership@ufwc.org)  
610-701-9941 days



## VISION WITH PIZZA

On April 24, immediately following the service, the Vision Committee will host a pizza lunch and a 2-hour “visioning workshop” with Rev. Libby Smith of the JPD. She will help us to develop our ideas as a congregation and assimilate our vision for the future of the Fellowship. Perhaps Unitarians don't believe pizza can taste “simply divine,” but we can use a pizza lunch to express our spiritual cravings as they relate to the future of UFWC.

## VISION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Vision Committee continues to work over the next few months to explore why we are UUs. (See March *Fellowtarian*) We are specifically charged with identifying your answer to the following: What is our vision for the Fellowship? That is, what do we, as a Fellowship, want to become?

Explore ideas! Bounce ideas off each other at social events, in one-on-one conversations, and online (email ideas to [vision@ufwc.org](mailto:vision@ufwc.org) for posting at [www.ufwc.org/vision\\_committee.htm](http://www.ufwc.org/vision_committee.htm)) We look forward to hearing your thoughts, and you are welcome to contact any of us directly.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Here's one way that you can put our principles into action. It is that time of year to renew your commitment to helping provide meals to hungry folks in our area. Our Fellowship prepares and serves dinner at the Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter every second Sunday of the month and lunch for the Salvation Army every fourth Saturday. It works like this: For each meal, we have one "Lead Chef" and two "Helper Chefs". The "Lead" arranges the menu and contacts the others. The "Helpers" assist in cooking a portion of the meal. The "Lead" usually serves the meal at the shelter and the "Helpers" are welcome, but are not required to help serve. Generally, a person or family signs up to be a "Lead" once a year and a "helper" twice a year

To get on the schedule for this year, email Catherine Sachs as soon as possible at 610-692-099 or [safe-harbor@ufwc.org](mailto:safe-harbor@ufwc.org) or [salvation-army@ufwc.org](mailto:salvation-army@ufwc.org). Let her know your:

- Name, street address, phone, and email address
- Preference for Safe Harbor and/or Salvation Army
- Number of times per year you'd like to be scheduled
- Type of "Chef" you'd like to be (Lead and/or Helper)
- Months that are BAD for you (between April 05-April 06)

A special note to new people—Welcome!! This is a very easy way to make a small commitment that provides a big service to our community. For more information, call Catherine Sachs or see [www.ufwc.org/uaaction.htm](http://www.ufwc.org/uaaction.htm) for ways to get involved. Try it—you'll like it! And you can make a significant difference in our community.

Here's another way that you can put our principles into action. Come to the annual Dining Out for Life dinner on April 28, a benefit for AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. The Fellowship usually has about 20 to 30 members and friends in attendance. This year let's increase that. See the adjacent article for more information.

This just in: Charles Clements, CEO of OUR charity, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) will speak at Main Line UU Church in Devon on April 17 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to hear and meet this amazing humanitarian who has "walked the walk" for over 30 years.

— Tom Townsend  
Social Justice Committee Chair

## DINING OUT FOR LIFE

Dining Out for Life is a nationwide dining event where restaurants donate a portion of their proceeds to local HIV and AIDS-related services. Over 200 Philadelphia-area restaurants are participating this year on Thursday, April 28.

As we've done in past years, Fellowship members and friends will gather for a fun evening of food, conversation and fellowship. This year, we have a reservation at The Drafting Room, 635 N. Pottstown Pike, in Exton, at 6:00 p.m. To join our group, please call The Drafting Room directly at 610-363-0521 and mention that you're part of the party from the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester.

One-third of our food bill that

## 2005 DIRECTORY IS READY

The 2005 Directory of Members and Friends is now available. Pick up your copy at the Fellowship (only one per household, please). If you are in the directory, there is a copy for you with your name on the back cover. Extra copies are available for those who are not in the directory but are interested in the Fellowship and would like to have one — just stop by the table in the foyer to ask for one.

## MEETINGS OF THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee will meet the second Thursday of the month, April 14, May 12, and June 9 at the home of Mary Yeager, 1048 South New St., West Chester. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Contact Mary at [yeagerhome@comcast.net](mailto:yeagerhome@comcast.net) or 610 429-8168.



evening will be donated by the restaurant to local services, so please come join us! If you have any questions, please contact Rob Sartain at 610-892-7481 or [uusc@ufwc.org](mailto:uusc@ufwc.org). We look forward to dining out with YOU!

## FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2005

Ready for spring! Want to get at cleaning those closets! Please set aside those things that have been sitting neglected or just taking up space in your closets, garage or basement, and help them become someone else's treasures.

As you gather all the stuff you want to donate this year, please take an unbiased look at things and do a pre-sort for us. We want this to be a nice experience for patrons and a small job for the clean-up committee. Please bring only good-quality items. By folks presorting at home, we've been able to sell a larger percentage of what's donated.

We **cannot** accept the following:

- Shoes
- Stained, torn or excessively worn clothing — only give us your best discards
- Broken toys
- Individual mugs or glasses — complete sets are OK
- Non-functioning appliances, tools and electronic items
- Broken or stained furniture
- Stained or threadbare rugs
- Obsolete computer hardware
- Old textbooks and encyclopedias or books in bad condition — please be very selective about books
- Items that require more than one person to carry, unless you are willing to pick them up Saturday at noon if they do not sell

If you have questions about particular items or wish to help coordinate this spring's flea market, please contact Mary Hepokoski, 610-518-9304 or [flea-market@ufwc.org](mailto:flea-market@ufwc.org).

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## FLEA MARKET &



## PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 7 8:00 A.M. TO NOON

*See accompanying articles to find out how to donate items and how to volunteer to help.*

## FLEA MARKET DROP-OFF

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

You may want to sort your items in advance. When you arrive at the Fellowship to drop off your items on Thursday evening, the tables will be set up and labeled by category (clothes, toys, housewares, etc.). Please place your items on the appropriate table — volunteers will be there to help. (If you have time, you can stay awhile and help us start pricing.)

## FLEA MARKET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Flea Market volunteers are needed during the following times:

Thu, May 5 ..... 6:00 - 7:00 pm ..... Arrange chairs & tables  
Thu, May 5 ..... 7:00 - 9:00 pm ..... Help with drop-off & sort  
Fri, May 6 ..... 9:00 am - 1:00 pm .... Price items  
Sat, May 7 ..... 7:30 am - 1:00 pm .... Help with sale  
Sat, May 7 ..... 1:00-3:00 pm ..... Clean up

To volunteer, sign up at the Fellowship, or contact Mary Hepokoski 610-518-9304 or email [flea-market@ufwc.org](mailto:flea-market@ufwc.org).

## JOIN OUR NEW ON-LINE SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION & DISCIPLINE GROUP!

When we fall into the rhythm of our busy routines, and our personal circumstances don't call us to any particular action, our principles of justice, our equity, and our compassion can recede into the backdrops of our lives. As Rev. Harry Scholefield, co-author of the UU daily devotional guide "Living By Heart," once said: "If you don't have a devotional life, you will dry up and blow away."

If, however, we choose to make our principles part of our daily experience, they can become who we are. We can make more conscious choices about who we want to be. We can live our ideals.

To encourage daily devotional practice and share ideas on the subject, we are starting an on-line spiritual discussion and discipline group. We will post an inspirational message regularly, and subscribers will receive the posts and can respond. To join, just follow these easy instructions:

To subscribe, send a message from your e-mail address to [majordomo@ufwc.org](mailto:majordomo@ufwc.org). Put the following request in the body of your e-mail message: "subscribe ufwc\_spiritual\_discussion". You will receive an e-mail confirmation.

You will automatically receive all posts at your e-mail address. You can contribute your thoughts and share your daily devotional experiences with the group by replying or by posting messages to [ufwc\\_spiritual\\_discussion@ufwc.org](mailto:ufwc_spiritual_discussion@ufwc.org).

Contact Dianne Herrin at 610-436-5695 or [dherrin@speakeasy.net](mailto:dherrin@speakeasy.net) if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you on-line.

—Robin Garrett and Dianne Herrin

## FILM SERIES AT UFWC

This year, the Chester County Peace Movement is sponsoring a series of films to be shown in our sanctuary on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m., with the exception of August. On April 8, the group will show *Control Room*, a movie about Al Jazeera's coverage of the Iraq War.

With an estimated audience of 45 million people, Al Jazeera has become the most important source of information in the Arab world and has been denounced both by Islamic nations and the Bush administration. The film runs for 86 minutes, and there will be food and discussion after the viewing. All are welcome to participate and bring a snack or refreshment to share!

-- Dianne Herrin, Social Justice Committee

## CARING CORNER

We are very proud of Abby Sachs, who achieved a rank of "superior" for her performance of Schumann's *Aufschwung* at the Constance W. Murray Piano Festival at West Chester University. Abby is 16 years old and has studied piano under the tutelage of Elaine Friedlander for eight years. Congratulations Abby and Elaine!

## POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

Please note that Game Night will not be the First Friday in April. Due to scheduling conflicts it will be on Friday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. Please bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game you would like to play. Paper products are provided. Bring a friend and relax and talk or get a little intense with the competition, but most of all have fun. No need to call ahead. Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions at 610 429-8168 or [game-night@ufwc.org](mailto:game-night@ufwc.org).

## RE FAMILY HIKE AND PICNIC

Pack a lunch, put on your hiking shoes, and come on out to Valley Forge National Historic Park for a family hike and picnic! All kids and their families are invited to join us for our next RE Family Social – a hike and photo scavenger hunt on trails at Valley Forge Park, followed by a picnic lunch.

When: Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Where: Valley Forge National Historic Park (Exact meeting location to be determined)

What to wear: Comfortable shoes, hat, and clothing suitable for the weather. Insect repellent is a good idea.

What if it rains?: If steady rain, the hike will be postponed. If the weather is iffy, call Cathy Vogt at 610-399-3706.

What to bring: Yourself, your family, your friends, and a lunch and beverage for after the hike.

## HAVE YOU MET VALERIE AND JOHN MAXWELL?

Downingtown residents for ten years, the Maxwells joined the Fellowship in January 2005. Here's a snapshot of the couple, as told by Valerie:

"We joined for the same reason I'm sure many do — we were not happy with either the Catholic Church (me) or Presbyterian Church (John) that we had attended. UU just makes sense to us and really emphasizes our mutual beliefs. It has been a long search but we are happy to have found UFWC and look forward to attending Sunday service, something that we never found to be true in the other churches we have attended. We have a daughter who is a junior communications major at Penn State University and a son who is a junior at Downingtown East High School.

"John is a healthcare consultant, aspiring voice talent and is a QVC guest. He volunteers as a reader for the blind and dyslexic and joined the UFWC crew with our son at the last Habitat for Humanity site. He enjoys reading, movies, exercise, sailing and PENN STATE FOOTBALL. I currently have a full-time job looking for a job in human resources.

"I am enrolled in Villanova University's certificate for Human Resource Management program and hope to take the PHR exam. I also enjoy reading, cooking and exercise, am a news "junkie." I became politically active for the first time in my life last year for obvious reasons.

"Some other facts: We were

both raised in Western Pennsylvania — John in Pittsburgh, and me in Ellwood City and Beaver Falls. We met when we were both employed at a hospital in Pittsburgh. I was the personnel manager and John was the department manager, and I checked his references and current salary before I went out with him. We will be married 25 years this November. Who says that reference checking isn't important?

*"UU just makes sense to us and really emphasizes our mutual beliefs. It has been a long search but we are happy to have found UFWC..."*

Having spent many years with our son on the soccer and lacrosse fields and daughter in dance classes, we look forward to pursuing old and new hobbies in 2006 as 'empty nesters.'"

-- Sharon Breske

## TRADITIONAL SEDER

Our traditional but non-kosher seder meal is scheduled for April 23 at 6 p.m. (Please note that date has changed due to calendar conflicts.) Please help us and sign up, so we can coordinate the dishes and readers. We will be looking for the youngest child attending who would enjoy reading the Four Questions part.

## READY TO CONTRA DANCE?

Come out on April 30 and have a great time dancing with Fellowship members and friends! The Contra Dance will start at 8 p.m. with pre-dance instruction at 7:45. All ages and experience are welcome! For more information see the March *Fellowtarian*, or contact Cathy Vogt 610-399-3706 or [contra-dances@ufwc.org](mailto:contra-dances@ufwc.org).

## FOLK SINGING

Folk singing will be Saturday, April 9, 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 [folk-singing@ufwc.org](mailto:folk-singing@ufwc.org) or 610- 399-6107.

## EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

We have changed the book selection for the next meeting, April 10, at 7:30 p.m., downstairs at the Fellowship. *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Nighttime* by Mark Haddon is a mystery about the death of a neighborhood dog but also about autism and human emotions. Additional reading about autism is suggested. Discussion Leader - Amy Spare. Contact Shelly Case (610-431-4011) or Ruth MacFadyen (610-436-5158) or [diversity-book-group@ufwc.org](mailto:diversity-book-group@ufwc.org).

The last meeting of the season will be May 8 — *Land Of A Thousand Hills: My Life In Rwanda* by Rosamond Halsey Carr.

## FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

- Mar 30 Wed Ministerial Search Committee Application Deadline.** See p. 3.
- Apr 1 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. at Atlanta Bread Company. E-mail Linda Sander at lunch-group@ufwc.org to be added to the e-mail reminder list
- Apr 2 Sat Annual Celebration Dinner.** 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 2.
- Apr 3 Sun Learn About the Canvass** meeting after the service. See March *Fellowtarian*.  
**Simplicity Circle.** Meets 12:15 after the service in the sanctuary. Contact Eleanor Sinclair 610-436-8151 or simplicity@ufwc.org.  
**Social Justice Committee.** Meets 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. Contact Tom Townsend 610-388-9559 or social-justice@ufwc.org.
- Apr 5 Tue Finance Committee.** Meets 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. Contact Erach Patel 610-719-8180 or finance@ufwc.org.
- Apr 8 Fri Film Series.** 7:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 8.
- Apr 9 Sat Folk Singing.** 8:00 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 9.
- Apr 10 Sun Safe Harbor Dinner.** Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact Catherine Sachs, 610-692-0991 or safe-harbor@ufwc.org.  
**Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group.** Meets downstairs at the Fellowship. 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. See p. 9.
- Apr 12 Tue Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. All are welcome.
- Apr 14 Thu Fellowship Committee Meeting and Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. at Mary Yeager's home. See p. 6.
- Apr 15 Fri Potluck and Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 8.
- Apr 16 Sat Work Party.** 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Tilo Stahl, e-mail: building@ufwc.org.
- Apr 17 Sun Special Congregational Meeting** after the Sunday service. See p. 3.
- Apr 23 Sat Lunch for the Needy.** Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact Catherine Sachs, 610-692-0991 or salvation-army@ufwc.org.  
**Traditional Seder.** 6:00 p.m. at the Fellowship. See p. 9.
- Apr 24 Sun Vision With Pizza.** After the Sunday service. See p. 5.
- Apr 28 Thu Dining Out For Life.** 6:00 p.m. at The Drafting Room. See p. 6.
- Apr 30 Sat RE Family Hike and Picnic.** 10.00 a.m. at Valley Forge Park. See p. 8.  
**Contra Dance.** 8:00 p.m. at the Fellowship (instruction at 7:45). See p. 9.
- May 7 Sat Annual Flea Market and Plant Sale.** 8:00 am - noon. See p. 7.
- May 29 Sun Annual Fellowship Picnic.** Noon. More information to come.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

**Youth Group** meets most Sunday evenings 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the OWL/Youth Group Room. Contact Michael Werner 610-429-1176 or youth-group@ufwc.org.

**Choir Rehearsal.** Sundays at 9:00 a.m. New members are welcome. Contact choir@ufwc.org.