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SUNDAY SERVICES July-August, 2006

July 2

MY, MY MY... MYSTICISM...

Robin Garrett

One definition of mysticism is “belief in realities beyond perceptual or intellectual apprehension that are central to being and directly accessible by subjective experience”. Another might be “vague, groundless speculation.” Given that UU’s draw both from “direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder” and also “teachings that counsel us to heed reason and science,” what’s a UU to do? Robin will offer some thoughts on these questions, profile a few notable mystics whose teachings have been of value to her and will also facilitate small group discussion on this topic.

July 9

TO BE ANNOUNCED

July 16

AN ARMY FOR PEACE?

Anne and Tom Moore

What would an army for peace look like, a completely non-violent approach to reducing violence and ending war? Anne and Tom Moore, local members of the West Chester Friends Meeting and long-time peace activists will talk with us about why, out of all the many efforts there are to work for peace, their commitment has been drawn to Nonviolent Peaceforce, the world’s first large-scale international organization of trained, unarmed civilian peacemakers.

July 23

WORDS OF WISDOM AND INSPIRATION

This is a group process service. All are asked to bring (on an index card) a phrase or paragraph from a sacred or secular source that has guidance or inspiration for you. Please come and share your inspirational words and a brief description of why it is meaningful to you. **NO NURSERY CARE TODAY.**

July 30

AFRICAN DANCE

Janet Peck

Experience the expressive power of African dance! Connect with your heart as Janet Peck and the Unitarian drummers inspire you to be your fullest YOU!! Come dressed to dance and prepared for fun!

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Services and Nursery Care at 10 AM during the summer

SUNDAY SERVICES

August 6

LIVING A YOGA LIFESTYLE

Mira Tryon

Yoga is a discipline and lifestyle that connects body, mind and spirit. Mira will teach us how to use the eight limbs of Yoga in daily life. Through instruction and presentation she will help us learn some simple posture and breathing techniques to foster self-awareness to facilitate living in peace, good health and harmony with all around us.

August 13

FAIR TRADE ISSUES

Dvera Saxton

In exploring fair trade, Dvera Saxton (assistant manager of Ten Thousand Villages, Exton), will share some artisan stories from countries where Ten Thousand Villages, a non-profit fair trade organization, is working to provide vital fair income to underemployed or unemployed handicraft producers. Pairing these stories with some spiritual and practical insights, she hopes the talk will inspire members of the congregation to adapt fair trade into their everyday lives.

August 20

**UU PRINCIPLES
AND THE FOLKSINGING TRADITION**

UFWC Folksingers

If music is truly a universal language, then what better way to affirm our beliefs than to sing out! Come lend your spirit and voice as we pay a folk-singing tribute to the Seven Unitarian-Universalist Principles.

August 27

SUMMERTIME VERSUS REAL LIFE Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

Come join us as we welcome our new Interim Minister, the Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill for the first time to our pulpit! His sermon is for all of us who share a reluctance at letting go of summer's last leafy freedoms for autumn's more routine obligations. Bring a friend!

INTERIM MINISTER'S ABSOLUTELY FINAL ANNUAL REPORT – JUNE 2006

Over the course of the church year the congregation spent its time integrating the information from the first year of interim ministry, revised its governance model, and sustained its level of programming. On average the interim minister preached three times a month. Three infants were dedicated into the Fellowship. One memorial service has held. Eighteen new members joined since the last minister's report to the congregation. One congregant died. Four members resigned due to moves. Two members resigned to pursue their spiritual journeys in more traditional religious com-

munities. The interim minister led three series of classes for visitors and new members during the church year.

During the church year the minister also met with congregants as he was able, attended most committee meetings, and worked extensively with the board of trustees. It should be noted that the interim minister spent a considerable amount of time during the winter months talking with colleagues in the ministry about the ministry of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester. Additionally, the transition to the Fellowship's adapta-

tion of the policy governance model took considerable time and energy. In the end though, it is considered worth the effort as the new governance model will probably improve communication inside the congregation and facilitate a more visionary ministry in the congregation's future.

On the personal level, I admit that my attention was often divided from the congregation in 2006 as my personal life, namely an impending marriage, often distracted me from pursuing professional goals. I thank the Uni-

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MINISTER'S REPORT, CONTINUED

tarian Fellowship of West Chester for its patience during this time.

In closing, I would like to thank the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester for what have been two of the happiest and professionally most fulfilling years of my life. Being your minister, working on issues around vision, membership growth, and governance kept my spirits up most of the time. I always felt that we were working toward common goals and for the greater good of this congregation, the Unitarian Universalist movement, and the world in general.

As many of you probably recall, when I came to West Chester I frequently cited the work that had been done in my previous interim ministry in Macon, Georgia. Now, when I am working with other congregations I will be able to recount how that congregation in West Chester decided to fulfill the five developmental tasks of interim ministry, how it grew and tried new ways of being and doing. When the next congregation hears me talking about this wonderful church I hope that they will hear from my tone of voice the affection that I have for all of you, the pride that I felt when you took on challenges that you might have never previously considered.

I have every belief that the next interim ministry and next settled ministry will succeed. You are a wonderful group of people to work with and I will miss you all, each and every one.

Humbly submitted,
Rev. Larry W. Smith

BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 14, 2006

The Board of Trustees met on the evening of Wednesday, June 14. The majority of the meeting was spent on issues relating to the Personnel Committee. Susan Gast updated the Board on the Committee's ongoing effort to create employment and application forms, and to come up with a review process for UFWC employees.

A long discussion then ensued regarding where in the new UFWC governance model the Personnel Committee should reside. The result of this discussion was passage of a motion designating the Personnel Committee as a Board-level committee, reporting directly to the Board of Trustees as needed. The Personnel Committee was also directed to work with the Finance Committee on the employment forms.

Cheryl Pittenger reported to the Board on the progress of the refurbishment of the secretary's area and the foyer. Details of costs were presented, and the purchase of needed items will be proceeding directly.

The Board will be holding a get together with Rev. Patrick O'Neill on July 16, and a retreat for the incoming Board of Trustees on August 12.

— Paul Sapko, Secretary

COME TO OUR "WELCOME THE NEW INTERIM MINISTER" PICNIC

Our new interim minister, Patrick O'Neil, will give his First Sunday Service on August 27. Join us after the service to meet him and celebrate the next step of our congregation's journey with him.

We will picnic at Broad Run Park in Downingtown from noon to 4 p.m. Burgers (various kinds), hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks and paper products will be provided. We ask for a donation of \$3 for adults and \$2 for children to cover the cost of the food and the park rental. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Feel free to bring sports supplies for basketball, tennis, baseball, and Frisbee. As usual, a light rain will not stop us. Worse weather will result in



us all picnicking in the sanctuary while the food is grilled on the porch.

This is our first Social event for the fall. Come meet and greet Reverend O'Neil and all your Fellowship Friends. We all look forward to seeing you there and to sharing stories of our summers. This picnic is sponsored by the Fun & Fellowship Committee. There will be a sign-up sheet and maps to the park in the foyer (and via email) in August. Contact Mary Yeager, email: fun.

NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

This summer promises to be full of activity. See page 8 for the list of Summertime RE Family Events the RE Committee has planned.

The RE Committee will continue to meet through the summer. One of the things we have started working on is exploring different options for how we provide Religious Education programming at each of our two services. One idea is to continue to present the same material at 9:00 and 11:00, but to change the presentation: use traditional classes at one service and learning centers – in areas such as reading, music, art and theater – at the other. We will keep parents posted as we decide what modifications we want to make.

We will also be working with the Building Committee and other volunteers to do our annual clean-up of the classrooms and Nursery in preparation for our first RE Sunday, August 27. The work party is scheduled for Saturday, August 12. Please come and help – it's always fun!

There is always more we want to do to fulfill our vision of what we want the Religious Education program to be for our children. And so we are always looking forward. But in this moment, I want to take a look back, over an amazing year of accomplishments. Some of these were highly visible. Some happened one-on-one and are known to only several people. All were significant in their own way.

I am thinking of watching people scurrying to bring in more chairs at the Coming of Age Ceremony on June 4 and sharing their Orders of Service as more

than 150 people filled the Sanctuary. There was enormous electricity and excitement in the room, and it was wonderful to be witness to the support from our congregation and extended families for the nine young people who shared with us their spiritual journeys. It was truly a landmark event.

I am thinking of a shy child accepting my offer of letting him sit in the DRE's chair and conducting Chalice Lighting and Sharing and Caring as if he had done it a dozen times before.

I am thinking of child offering to read a book aloud to the other children on a day when the service upstairs was going on longer than usual and the children were getting restless. She started to read, and before I knew it the children had quieted down and gathered around her to listen. She held them spellbound until the end of the story.

I am thinking of the congregational support that made our fundraiser for the Heifer Project – selling peace cranes and muffins made by the children – hugely successful.

I am thinking of the day when a boy, more interested in sports than in church, put on an antelope's mask for an im-

promptu play and became the antelope, leaping into the center of our improvised stage area and reading his lines, unrehearsed, as if he had written them himself.

I am thinking of all the ways that our Volunteer Teachers expressed their creativity in their classes; of the commitment and energy of everyone who worked with our young people.

I am thinking of the way the RE Committee has formed strong bonds among its members, and become its own Small Group Ministry.

And I am thinking of an indescribable feeling that I've experienced, standing in front of the congregation at a Sunday service as we sing a hymn, and hearing the beautiful sound of all of your voices blending into one voice, a voice that not only fills the Sanctuary, but also fills my heart with joy and inspiration.

This congregation is truly a blessing. Thank you all for an amazing year.

One more thing – Have a fun, relaxing summer, and remember to bring back some water from your travels for our Ingathering on September 10.

— Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Education

NO FORMAL R.E. PROGRAM JUNE 18 – AUGUST 20

There will be no formal RE program on Sunday mornings from June 18 through August 20. Religious Education will resume on Sunday, August 27.

Nursery care will be provided during the summer except for June 25 and July 23.

END OF SUMMER WORK PARTY SATURDAY AUGUST 12

We have an opportunity and a challenge. At the end of the summer, it is customary for people to “shop” for new churches. To get ready for those people who would look to us for a new spiritual home, we need to clean up and spruce up our spiritual home.

Come join the Building Committee and other volunteers for a work day on Saturday, August 12 as we work to get ready to greet a host of new members and friends. Starting time is 9:00 a.m. and we will work until about 3:00 p.m.

— Bob Radcliffe



FLEA MARKET HOW DO WE MEASURE SUCCESS?

Let us count the ways in which our recent flea market succeeded.

- First, it was a financial success, raising over \$900 for the Fellowship.
- Second, it recycled goods that were no longer being used to new owners who wanted or needed them.
- Third, it attracted many non-UFWC people to enter our doors.
- Fourth, volunteers met, worked with, and had fun with other Fellowship members they hadn't met before.
- And finally, with generous assistance from the congregation, all leftover goods were transported to other charities, connecting UFWC to the area's caring community.

Nonprofits that accepted our unsold goods include the Chester County Library, Collage Occupational Therapy Program, St. Joseph's Indian School, Wings for Success, Goodwill and the Salvation Army.

These successes resulted from generous contributions of time by flea market volunteers, not to mention the donations of a varied and highly interesting assortment of goods to sell! Co-chairs Krystaleve Snow and Sue Stedman sincerely thank all of you.

THANK YOU FLEA MARKET AND PLANT SALE VOLUNTEERS

The 2006 Spring Flea Market and Plant Sale was a great success. At the Plant Sale, we sold many beautiful flower baskets. And, at the Flea Market, we recycled treasures and had a lot of fun. Together, the two events made \$1,662. The volunteer turnout was amazing! In the past we have listed the names of everyone who helped. This year we had so many volunteers that there is just not enough space here to list them all!

Sue Stedman, Sandy Retzlaff, and I would like to thank the congregation for making the Flea Market and Plant Sale a success.

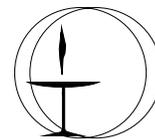
We welcome any suggestions and comments for next year.

— Warmly,
Krystaleve Snow

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At Fellowtarian deadline, I was busy preparing for the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in St. Louis and tying up some loose ends at work and at home. My President's Column will resume with the next issue. I wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy summer!

— Flo Miller, President



SUMMER CAMPING TRIP SUSQUEHANNOCK STATE PARK JULY 22-23

Summer's here. That means it's time to get outdoors for some great recreational activities, like camping, hiking and frogging! Well, maybe not everyone thinks frogging is a great recreational activity. But camping and hiking are.

This year's overnight outing is to Susquehannock State Park, which sits on a bluff overlooking the Susquehanna River in southern Lancaster County, north of the Conowingo Reservoir. You can find out more about Susquehannock on the internet at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/>. Convenient to the group campsite are a playground, a ball field and hiking trails. Unfortunately, the group camping at Susquehannock does NOT have a pavilion; hopefully we won't need one like we did last year! (Maybe a few of you have a dining fly you could bring?)

Please plan to come on Saturday, July 22 any time after 3 p.m. Even if you're not a camper or can't spend the night, you are welcome to drop by to join in the fun, make some new friends and sing a few songs around the campfire. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby of the fellowship, along with park flyers (or sign-up by sending an email: camping). To entice you to sign-up ahead of time, detailed driving instructions will be available via e-mail.

There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of the campsite and food (less than \$20/family). Hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, marshmallows and non-alcoholic drinks are provided for Saturday night; bagels, donuts, coffee and juice are provided for Sunday morning. We ask you to bring a side dish for Saturday night (salad or dessert) or Sunday morning ('brunchable').

Camping equipment you may need include a tent, sleeping bag, air mattress, camp chair, flashlight and bug repellent. We'll need coolers and firewood; let us know what equipment you can provide. If you have additional questions, contact Dan Meyer and Eileen Kelly (email: camping). We hope to see you there.

THE LEFT HAND OF GOD

"Last weekend The UUA Washington Office joined over 1,000 spiritual Americans at All Souls Unitarian Church for the east coast founding conference of the Network of Spiritual Progressives. Speakers, including UUA President Bill Sinkford, addressed a wide variety of topics based on the three central objectives of the Spiritual Progressive movement..."

— From the UUA Washington Office, May 24, 2006

To find out what the Spiritual Progressive movement is about read Michael Lerner's *The Left Hand of God*. Then join us for a series of what will surely be spirited discussions in the fall which we hope will lead to a vision and a plan for social justice at UFWC. See articles in the May and June issues of the *Fellowtarian*.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP

Fun & Fellowship sponsors, supports, and/or plans social activities that bring our members and friends together in fellowship. For instance, we have already started plans for a picnic in August to welcome Rev. O'Neill, our new interim minister.

Do you have ideas for fun social events? Tell us about them or better yet come to our planning meeting on July 6 at 6:00 p.m. — dinner is on the house! Call Mary Yeager for directions (or email: fun), and let us know you are coming. We meet once a month (usually Thursdays) at Mary Yeager's home just South of West Chester.

— Nancy Artus and Mary Yeager (Co-Chairs)

CARING CORNER

Three members of our congregation recently lost their fathers.

Sheila Cain's father died in May. He was in his late 80's and, as a war veteran, will be buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Abby McGillivray's father, who was 88, died in May also.

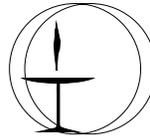
Devon Miller's father died in Utica, NY, in May at the age of 83.

Please remember these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

Sharing the Plate. Have a favorite local charity? Then submit its name to the Social Justice Committee (email: social-justice). Starting in September UFWC will begin "Sharing the Plate". On the first and third Sundays of the month half of the non-pledge income collected in the plate will be shared with a charity that you pick. So submit a name today. We can make a big difference in our community.

Righteous Among the Nations. Jerusalem, June 13: "An audience of about 70 people watched and wept as leaders of Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, presented a medal honoring the Sharps (the founders of UUSC) to their daughter, Martha Sharp Joukowsky." In her remarks, Ms. Joukowsky said, "The fact that my parents are only the second and third Americans named as 'Righteous' speaks volumes to the isolation and challenges of their roles as bearers of moral alarm." UUA President Sinkford said, "The sad reality is that virtually no other religious institution made the commitment." UUSC President Clements said, "They ignored risks to their own safety and their very lives and did what they could in the face of overwhelming odds, living out their belief in the worth and dignity of every person." So be very proud of your religion and of the charity that serves the principles of that religion: UUSC.



Time is running out! The fiscal year is about to end and with it the opportunity to help UFWC achieve 100% membership in the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). If you are thinking about joining or have put off rejoining, then please do it today. Help our Fellowship be in the top 10th of 1 percent who achieve this honor and at the same time help the people who need it the most, the marginalized people of the world who slip through the cracks. These are the people who are picked up by UUSC. You can easily join on-line at www.uusc.org or contact Rob Sartain or Tom Townsend. And remember that students can join for just \$10.00! P.S. Be sure to indicate that you are affiliated with UFWC.

FROM THE NEW SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAIR

I write this short note to let everyone in the congregation know how pleased I am to be taking on the position of chair of the Social Justice Committee. Tom Townsend and all those who have worked with him and preceded him have done such terrific work!

Short term, over the summer, I want to do all I can to make sure that the good work we are already doing continues. As we move into September, the committee will be working with our new interim minister and/or board liaison Bob Scott to explore how the committee and its work can best be organized in this time of exciting growth and change at UFWC.

If you need to communicate with me about anything that is committee-related, the best way is to call my cell phone. I do check my e-mail (email: social-justice) but not as often as some folks do. Thank you, everyone, for entrusting this important work to me. I will do my best to build on the strong foundation of good work that has already been established.

— Robin Garrett
Social Justice Chair

SECOND FRIDAY FILM SERIES *WINTER SOLDIER*

The film *Winter Soldier* (1972) will be shown Friday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Second Friday Film Series. This film series is sponsored by the Chester County Peace Movement in cooperation with the UFWC Social Justice Committee.

Winter Soldier is a documentary based on the Winter Soldier investigation held by Vietnam Veterans Against the War in Detroit in 1971, one month after the revelations of the My Lai massacre. Jonathan Rosenbaum writing about the film states "...it may be the most important account we have of America's tragic encounter with Vietnam." *Winter Soldier* was rarely shown when it was first released but it has gained considerable new interest because of the parallels to the current war in Iraq.

Please join us after the movie for discussion.

SUMMERTIME R.E. FAMILY FUN

Wed., June 28, 9:45 a.m.
“Polar Express”

Downingtown Regal Cinema
Movie starts at 10:00, but the FREE SEATING is on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to theatre capacity. We'll gather 15 minutes early.

Wed., July 12, 6:00 p.m.
“Video/Pizza Night”
Vogt's house

Please RSVP to Cathy Vogt by July 10. Plan to bring a snack or dessert to share. Cathy will provide beverages. Attendees will split the cost of the pizza.

Tue., August 8, 2:00 p.m.
“Swimming at Marsh Creek State Park”

Marsh Creek has a large “L” shaped swimming pool along with a shallow wading pool and swimming pool. A snack bar, sunning area and bathhouse are nearby – also, shady spots to put your chairs or towels. Fee: \$6 per person.

Wed., August 16, 7:00 p.m.
“Ice Cream Under the Stars”
Milky Way Farm in Lionville.
Enjoy delicious ice cream in familiar and exotic flavors (e.g. Chai Tea and Tiramisu) made from the resident dairy herd. You can even meet the cows. Contact Pam Baxter for more information/directions (email: DRE).

Reminder: The Fun & Fellowship Committee has planned the annual Fellowship Camping Trip for Saturday/Sunday, July 22/23 at Susquehannock State Park. See the article in this issue.

HAVE YOU MET CHRIS CONROY AND SHARON MAYER-CONROY?

Attendees of the UFWC since the fall of 2004, Chris Conroy and Sharon Mayer-Conroy became members of the Fellowship in January 2006. But their UU roots extend well beyond almost two years in West Chester.

“We have both been attending UU churches for many years, and were married in the Quincy, Mass., UU church,” says Sharon, a clinical social worker who’s currently a stay-at-home mom.

In 2004, Chris’ environmental engineering job brought the family to the area. They settled in Westtown with their two daughters Rosana and Caroline. “We also adopted a middle-aged golden retriever,” she says, “and wonder how we ever lived without a dog.”

For Sharon, the Unitarian philosophy took hold early. Although she grew up Catholic, she began questioning the religion’s tenets in high school. “As a young adult I found the UU church to be

compatible with my spirituality,” she explains. “Over time I explored and developed my own spiritual beliefs, and continue to do so.”

Sharon serves on the Religious Education Committee and enjoys various Fellowship social activities when she isn’t reading, knitting, and spending time with family and friends. She’s also working on more ways to bring spirituality into home life and live more simply, she says.

As for Chris, he was raised in “a fairly open-minded Catholic family,” and has nurtured a continued interest in world religions and spirituality. “Searching for a church that would accept and support my Universalist nature led me to the UU world,” he shares. In addition to Sunday services, he enjoys getting together with fellow UFWC members and friends at social events, as well as spending time with family and friends, exercising, reading and meditating.

“A current and long-standing issue in my life is to achieve a healthy work-life balance,” adds Chris, “which I find quite challenging given my involvement in the corporate world.”

Not a challenge, however, was joining the UFWC community. Says Sharon: “I have found UFWC to be the friendliest and most welcoming church I have attended.”

— Sharon Breske

“As a young adult I found the UU church to be compatible with my spirituality.”

— Sharon

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY SUMMER OPEN SESSIONS

Open sessions will continue throughout the summer for Small Group Ministry. Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. on July 6, July 20, August 3 and August 17 (the first and third Thursdays). All meetings take place at the Fellowship. More information about the topics will come by e-mail and on the Fellowship website – follow the link in the “Action” section. Come join us!

LUNCH GROUP

In July we will try a new location, The China Grill Buffett, 124 Woodcutter St, in the Main Street Shopping Center in Exton. In August, we will meet again at La Tolteca, 907 S. High St., West Chester.

The UFWC lunch group meets the third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome.

Contact Linda Sander (email: lunch-group) to be added to the e-mail reminder list. Each month we send out an e-mail reminder and tally the responses to estimate how many people will come. It's OK if you're not on the list, don't have e-mail, or change your mind at the last minute. Come anyway. You are always welcome.

SIMPLICITY CIRCLE

Our next meeting is July 16 (instead of the usual first Sunday) after the 10 a.m. service, at about 11:30 a.m. We meet downstairs.

Focus continues to center on our strivings for a life of meaning, beyond the clutter and wasters of precious time and energy. Together we find answers. We share leadership.

This is a good group to attend by newcomers, who want to begin developing some relationships in a reflective, personable atmosphere. Contact Heidi Buss (email: simplicity).

EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Book/Movie List for the 2006-2007

Third Sunday of Each Month – New Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location: The UFWC Basement, We Hope!

We will have our first meeting on September 17 to discuss *All the Shah's Men: an American Coup and the Roots of the Middle East* by Stephen Kinzer. Our Discussion leader will be Nakhostin "Niki" Javidani.

Other books for 2006-07 are:

Women of the Silk by Gail Tsukiyama

Waiting for Snow in Havana, Confessions of a Cuban Boy by Carlos Eire

Goat: A Memoir by Brad Land

Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracey Kidder

Stone Butch Blues, by Leslie Feinberg

Famous Small Jews (short story collection) by Joseph Epstein.

Movies that will be reviewed for the months of December and January are:

White Balloon

Crash

For more information contact Ruth MacFadyen or Shelly Case (email: diversity-book-group). All Are Welcome.



A TASTE OF PENNSYLVANIA

**WINE TASTING
SUNDAY, JULY 9
11:30 TO 3 P.M.**

We will leave the Fellowship at 11:30 after the 10 a.m. service to visit two or three local vineyards, taste wines, and consider augmenting our individual cellars. A sandwich/cheese/fruit buffet will travel with us and the cost of \$10-12 will be divided among participants. Carpooling will be encouraged, and maps provided. This event is sponsored by Fun and Fellowship Committee.



POTLUCK AND GAME NIGHT

July 7 and August 12 (the ***second Saturday*** in August) are the dates for our summer Game Nights. Game Nights are for individuals and families — all ages of people come. Bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any game you have a hankering to play.

This is an informal event with no agenda other than to socialize and have a good time. Paper products are provided. No need to call ahead or be on time; just come! Contact Mary Yeager (email: game-night).

FOLK SINGING

The folk singing group, inactive over the summer, will resume in the fall. Check the September *Fellowtarian* for details.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Jun 28	Wed	<i>Polar Express.</i> RE Summertime Family Fun. 9:45 a.m. See p. 8.
Jul 5	Wed	Finance Committee. 7:30 p.m. Contact Erach Patel (email: finance)
Jul 6	Thu	Fun & Fellowship Committee. 6:00 p.m. at Mary Yeager's. See p. 6.
Jul 7	Fri	Potluck and Game Night. 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. See p. 9.
Jul 9	Sun	A Taste of Pennsylvania Wine Tasting Outing. 11:30 am - 3 pm See p. 9. Safe Harbor Dinner. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact Catherine Sachs (email: safe-harbor).
Jul 11	Tue	Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. All are welcome.
Jul 12	Wed	Video/Pizza Night. RE Summertime Family Fun. 6 p.m. See p. 8.
Jul 14	Fri	Second Friday Film Series. 7:30 p.m. <i>Winter Soldier.</i> See p. 7.
Jul 16	Sun	Simplicity Circle Meeting. 11:30 a.m. downstairs. See p. 9.
Jul 21	Fri	Lunch Group. 11:30 p.m. at China Grill Buffett, Main St, Exton. See p. 9.
Jul 22	Sat	Lunch for the Needy. Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact Catherine Sachs (email: salvation-army).
Jul 22-23	Sat-Sun	Summer Camping Trip. Susquehannock State Park. See p. 6.
Jul 25	Tue	Building Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. in the fireplace room. Contact Bob Radcliff (email: building).
Aug 8	Tue	Swimming at Marsh Creek State Park. RE Family Fun. 2 p.m. See p. 8. Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship office. All are welcome.
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Aug 26	Sat	Lunch for the Needy. Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact Catherine Sachs (email: salvation-army).
Aug 27	Sun	Welcome New Minister Picnic. 12-4 p.m. See p. 3.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

Small Group Ministry First and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. See p. 8.



"See you in September after you've read *The Left Hand of God.*"

"...and don't forget to buy grocery cards after the service all summer."

