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March 4

AN OPEN LETTER TO A NEW MEMBER

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

Have you noticed something about our Fellowship these days? Of late this year there's a fair number of new friends joining us on Sunday mornings, many of whom have recently signed our Membership Book. It's exciting and impressive to have so many new folks discovering Unitarian Universalism in our midst for the first time. This Sunday our minister will reflect on the unique covenant of membership in our progressive religious community, its proud heritage and its promise. Not to worry, long-time members will also find much to ponder and be challenged by in Dr. O'Neill's message this morning! No better week than this one to invite a curious friend to come check out our church. Come join us!

March 11

COKE OR PEPSI?

Youth Group

Who is your favorite Muppet Character? In a celebration of our Youth, this service provides our Youth with an opportunity to interview Reverend Patrick O'Neill. With a brainstormed list of over 100 questions in hand, our Youth promise a thought provoking and intriguing service. Come and meet our award-winning Youth, listen to their questions and concerns, and hear how our minister responds. To make it interesting, Reverend O'Neill will not review any question in advance. Several of our Youth will also be featured in this morning's music.

March 18

THE SHOEMAKERS' WINDOW

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

Any church, from the largest Cathedral to the smallest and plainest chapel, is always the gift of those common people who love it and work for it, and support it, as they are able. It is the love of its congregation that ultimately sanctifies a church, or a temple, or a meetinghouse, and makes of it a sanctuary, a holy place, a place which transcends time. A church is finally nothing more than its people and what they bring to it: their faith, their vision, their collective hopes and dreams, their memories and their customs, their history, their prayers, their good works, and their values.

Anyone with the right skills, it is said, can build a church. But to build a church to last the ages, that takes something more — that takes vision. And commitment. And the willingness to join with many others, to contribute in whatever way you can, to a place you believe in. This morning, as we begin our annual pledge drive, let's talk candidly about what it takes to make a church. Come join us!

March 25

CREATING YOUR OWN SABBATH

Susan Kirkchanev

Resting is a holy act. Taking time for rejuvenation and for the spirit are crucial to being fully human. How can we build rituals of rest and rejuvenation that will enhance our lives? By building moments of Sabbath into our days. Our guest speaker is the Intern Minister at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. She came to Pennsylvania for her internship, to finish her Master of Divinity degree from Starr King School of the Ministry in Berkeley, California.

Services and Babysitting at 9 AM and 11 AM. Religious Education at 9 AM only.

PONDERINGS: THE MINISTER'S COLUMN

This month I share with you these thoughts by my esteemed colleague, Dr. John Wolf, Minister Emeritus of All Souls UU Church in Tulsa, OK. They come under the category of "Wish I'd said that."

...po'n (Rev. Patrick O'Neill)

"There is only one reason for joining a Unitarian Universalist church. That is, to support it. You want to support it because it stands against superstition and fear. Because this church points to what is noblest and best in human life. Because it is open to women and men of whatever race, creed, color, place or origin, or sexual orientation.

You want to support a Unitarian Universalist church because it has a free pulpit. Because you can hear ideas expressed there which would cost any other minister his or her job. You want to support it because it is a place where children come without being saddled with guilt or terrified of some "celestial peeping-tom," where they can learn that religion is for joy, for comfort, for gratitude and love.

You want to support it because it is a place where walls between people are torn down rather than built-up. Because it is a place for the religiously displaced persons of our time, the refugees from mixed marriages, the unwanted free-thinkers and those who insist against orthodoxy that they must work out their own beliefs.

You want to support a UU church because it is more concerned with human beings than with dogmas. Because it searches for the holy, rather than dwell upon the depraved. Because it calls no one a sinner, yet knows how deep is the struggle in each person's

breast and how great is the hunger for what is good.

You want to support a UU church because it can laugh. Because it stands for something in a day when religion is still more concerned with platitudes than with prejudice and war. You want to support it not because it buys you

some insurance policy towards your funeral service, but because it insults neither your intelligence nor your conscience, and because it calls you to worship what is truly worthy of your sacrifice.

There is only one reason for joining a Unitarian Universalist church. To support it!"



ANNUAL CELEBRATION DINNER ONCE MORE WITH FEELING

Soft lighting, beautiful music, stunning décor, attractive people, sparkling conversation, delicious food, superlative wine, stimulating entertainment. No, this is not a video presentation for a time share in Florida, but you will get to see a video and a lot more at our Fellowship celebration dinner on Saturday, March 17 starting at 6 p.m. This is the event that starts our annual fund raising cycle. But there will be no fund raising this evening. Just a relaxing, no cost, evening with friends.

By the time you read this, your invitation will be on its way to you. Please take a moment and respond to it as indicated. We need you – all of you. You make the event and the Fellowship. Without you all the things mentioned above will not happen, and all of the good things throughout the year will not happen. So please come, and pat yourself on the back for a job well done. You'll be in good company.

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.

It was developed for those who are new to Unitarian Universalism or to our Fellowship, but "old" UU's are also welcome. The class will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday March 11 and will last approximately 2½ hours. A pizza lunch will be provided at 12:30. Child care 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 March, please contact Fred Frayer, Membership Committee Co-chair, email: membership. Besides the number of people who plan to attend, please mention whether you have any special dietary needs. In addition, if you will need child care, let Fred know how many children you will bring, and how old they are. RSVP by Monday, March 5.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you came through our February storm safe and sound. I must admit that I enjoyed the unexpected day off from work and the opportunity to sleep late, savor an extra cup of morning coffee, and read the paper without interruption. I even found the shoveling to be a relaxing aerobic exercise that was not overly exhausting, thanks to help from Fellowship member Cathy Vogt and son Alex, who live in my development, and a neighbor who chipped in with a snow blower.

The storm had one unfortunate consequence in that it forced the postponement of our monthly board meeting from February 13 to February 20. As a result, discussions on a number of important issues were delayed. Included was a discussion of how we might proceed with a possible name change for our Fellowship. You will recall that in my February column I asked all of you to consider whether we had outgrown the “Fellowship” designation, given our growth and our commitment to make organizational changes consistent with the transition to a program-sized congregation. I have received little feedback from that column, but what I have received was positive. Your board will now determine whether and how we wish to pursue the issue further. Since any decisions will be too late for this Fellowship, I will keep you apprised of developments through e-mail and/or Sunday announcements. Meanwhile, I remain open to your input. Rest assured, this will be approached as a process involving the entire membership.

Anything else coming out of our delayed board meeting that can't wait until the next Fellowship will also be communicated through e-mail, Sunday

announcements, and any other appropriate venues.

I do have one important issue – more appropriately, a challenge – that I want to present to all of you now. Last fall, I conducted a drive to increase our representation in Chalice Lighters. This program of our Joseph Priestley District awards grants to help congregations with growth initiatives; our own Fellowship is currently the recipient of a \$20,000 grant spread out over three years.

Many of you responded to last fall's Chalice Lighters drive and we more than doubled our representation, or membership in the organization, from 21 prior to the drive to 46 currently.

I recently learned that all congregations with 33% or more of their total membership contributing to Chalice Lighters will be recognized at the annual JPD conference in Harrisburg in April. The percentage is calculated on the basis of the membership certified for 2007 with the Unitarian Universalist Association. That membership for our Fellowship was 163. To reach the magic 33% mark – and be recognized – I calculate we will need a total of 54 Chalice Lighters in our congregation. That's a modest gain of 8 from the current Chalice Lighters representation of 46.

It would be wonderful to be recognized at the JPD conference for this achievement. It also makes sense that we should be recognized, given that we are benefiting from a Chalice Lighters Grant. Therefore, I will be available in between services for just the next few Sundays with brochures and information about Chalice Light-

ers. I may approach some of you directly about becoming a Chalice Lighter. This is not a “requirement,” but I do encourage you to consider this worthy cause of the JPD. You pay no money up front, but only when you receive a “call” in the mail. A single person contributes \$20 per call; couples generally contribute \$40 (a couple counts as two Chalice Lighters). There are a maximum of three calls a year.

If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a Chalice Lighter and helping us meet the 33% goal. If you miss me in church, you can always call me at home or contact me by e-mail (president). You can also download in-

formation and a Chalice Lighters sign-up form from the JPD website at www.jpduua.org.

I would add one caveat to this plea. We will be having our own canvass in March and April. Any Chalice Lighters campaigning will cease with the canvass, as I would not want my plea for Chalice Lighters to interfere with that effort. Join Chalice Lighters only if you feel comfortable responding to the three calls, taking into consideration your unique financial circumstances and your commitment to our own Fellowship. And do plan to attend the Annual Dinner that launches our canvass on March 17 – it's always a fun time, and this year should be no different.

See you in church (and at the Annual Dinner),
Flo Miller

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REmarks -- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

If you've been at the Fellowship over the past several months, you've seen new faces every week, and know that our membership has been increasing steadily. But unless you've also been downstairs, you might not know that the same thing is happening in our religious education classrooms.

Since last September, we have welcomed new children on almost every weekend. Many of them have continued to attend, and our classrooms are humming with activity. We welcome all our new friends and thank teachers and "long-timers" for helping visitors and newly-enrolled children feel at home with us.

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Have you ever wondered, "How often should I come to church?" It's a good question, although not always easy to answer. Getting to church Sunday morning can sometimes be a challenge, and there are times when circumstances make it impossible, but especially for your children, there are very good reasons to make attendance a priority.

While many adults attend on Sundays for the content of the service – sermon, music, readings – for most children the morning is all about connecting with their friends. During the six years that I've been the DRE at UFWC, I've seen many close friendships formed. When your child's best Fellowship friend is there, both their experiences are going to be more positive. They will both want to come back.

Mary Marsh, the DRE at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship in Washington state, recently listed her top reasons for regular attendance in RE. They mirror mine closely, and I want to share them with you:

1. The building itself just feels happier and more full of life when young people are present!
2. Children need time to make friends. Regular attendance will help them start to find friends here – and once they have friends here, they will want to be here more often.
3. It's hard to have fun when there aren't enough children present. And some activities call for breaking into teams.
4. Our teachers put in a lot of work to develop great sessions.
5. The more often your children come to church, the more likely it is that they will see it as a part of their support and community.
6. Learning environments are richer when a lot of diverse ideas are brought together – it makes our discussions more lively!
7. It helps our adult volunteers know your children better. It's hard to remember children you don't see more than once a month.
8. More consistent class sizes help us plan our supplies better.
9. The curriculum will make a lot more sense and feel more relevant when children get the chance to try all the different ways we explore our topics.

One thing I'm aware of personally is that I miss children when they're not there. Each child brings something different to the program – talents, energy, and amazing questions that expand our dialogues. As our congregation grows, it is wonderful to see how the children blend together, continually expanding, growing and strengthening as we gather new

members, and as we worship, learn and have fun together.

Each of us, together, makes our spiritual home what it is. Without us in it, the Fellowship is just an attractive historic building. I invite you to come often. Your children benefit, and so do we all.

— Pam Baxter

Director of Religious Education
(DRE)



A WORSHIPFUL GATHERING OF UU FLOCKS

The Philadelphia/Wilmington Growth Team plans to hold an area wide worship service on Sunday, March 18, at the Unitarian Society of Germantown in Philadelphia. The team, part of the denomination's Joseph Priestley District, hopes the service will raise fervor and awareness about our faith and our place in the region. The 2 p.m. service will include a regional chorus and homilies by three local ministers. It will last about 90 minutes, with coffee and cookies afterward.

Children ages 5 to 13 will participate in a separate service and an activity period. Paid child-care providers will look after those 4 and younger. Youth 14 and older are being contacted to provide their own programming.

The Germantown church is at 6511 Lincoln Drive. I will provide more information through e-mail and Sunday announcements as it is forthcoming. It would be good to have a Fellowship contingent there!

— Flo Miller

MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

By the time you read this, we will have finished our three pre-candidating weekends — whew! A pre-candidating weekend is an informative, exhilarating and exhausting weekend that starts with Friday night dinner, and then continues on Saturday with tours of the Fellowship and the local area, a potluck lunch and an intensive interview for 6-7 hours. On Sunday, the committee attends a “neutral pulpit” where the pre-candidate designs the service and delivers the sermon, followed by a long lunch before the pre-candidate departs. To complete the weekend, the committee meets immediately for several hours to discuss our thoughts while they are fresh in our minds. This format gave us a great chance to get to know the ministers and to help them get to know us — who we are as a congregation, our aspirations for the future, and how our ministries might fit together.

After we finish our pre-candidating weekends — and our pre-candidates have finished theirs — we can extend an invitation to one of them to be our candidate. All congregations are being asked to abide by this process. We expect to be at that point around mid-March and not too long after that, we’ll make our offer. We’re feeling very positive and hoping to be able to FINALLY announce a candidate by the end of March.

THEN April 29 to May 6 is Candidating Week — when the candidate that the committee chooses will be with us from Sunday to Sunday, preaching at

UFWC both days. In between, there will be many opportunities to meet with him or her during the week — committee meetings and social events, etc. Details on events for the week will come later. It’s important that as many of our congregation as possible be present for Candidating Week, especially for the congregational vote at the end of the week. So,

*Don't miss
Candidating Week,
when the candidate
will be with us from
Sunday to Sunday,
preaching both days.*

please plan to be here!

Many thanks to all of you for your thoughts, candles and support during this past year. Keep them coming — we’re almost done!

Your Ministerial Search
Committee

Jim, Mark, Sandy, Eileen, Curt,
Ed and Cyndy

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please welcome, and get to know, the following new members who have joined since the New Member Recognition service on January 21: Kate Shaw, Nancy Schilling, Lynn VanDyke, Debbie Leonardos, Chris Leonardos, John Nolen and Tesesa (Terry) Rothermel. This brings our membership to 165!

Rev. O’Neill told the last UU class that with membership comes ownership as a part of the congregation. We all should be proud of the effort all members (and friends) are contributing to the whole of the Fellowship. If you’re a Friend and thinking it’s time for you to do your part, see Rev. O’Neill or any member of the Membership Committee to sign the Membership Book.

Don’t forget that to have your vote counted at the Congregational Meeting in June, particularly in the selection of a settled minister, you must be a member.

GLOBAL WARMING -- NONTRIVIAL TRIVIA

When do scientists expect BOTH polar ice caps to have become oceans?

a) 40 yrs b) 60 yrs c) 80 yrs d) 120 yrs e) 200 yrs

The answer will be announced at both March 4 services.

Global Warming Interest Group Starting

Anyone concerned about global warming is invited to join a new discussion group. The initial purpose will be to identify and provide local resources for education and participation in global warming initiatives.

There will be opportunity for everyone to share their knowledge, and express their concerns and beliefs about global warming, including what role mankind plays. Depending upon the interests of the group, specific action projects might be developed.

The first meeting will be Sunday, March 11 at 10:15 a.m. This will make it possible for those who attend both early and late services to participate. The group will then decide on a regular meeting time, possibly bi-weekly.

If interested, please e-mail Rick Cole at email: global-warming, or sign up on the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

February was a month of celebration. We continue to work towards our long-anticipated dialog with Rev. Dr. Patrick O'Neill on March 11. We have a list of over 100 questions and will be engaging Dr. O'Neill in discussion for this year's Youth Sunday. This Youth Sunday Service will provide the Fellowship with an opportunity to learn Dr. O'Neill's theories on things like Coke or Pepsi, as well as life after death. Plus, you get to meet our award winning youth.

Meanwhile, a contingent of youth convened at the Werner kitchen on February 11 and prepared and cooked a chili dinner for Safe Harbor. No easy task, the afternoon included preparation of over 20 pounds of chili, 10 pounds of rice, 10 pounds of corn, six heads of lettuce, and two full sheet trays of brownies. Parents — take note — each of your youth is now fully qualified to take charge of a dinner preparation.

The month's highlight was our traditional celebration of Chinese New Year. No easy feat this — we invited friends and family to join us in a venture to the King Restaurant Buffet in Downingtown. We have found that a Sunday evening feast at an all you can eat Chinese buffet is an excellent way to jump start the New Year.

March will continue in a similar vein. In addition to the Youth Sunday celebration coming up on the 11th, there will be at least one argument, planning for an April Spring Concert as well as the annual JPD Youth Spring Con. And, there are rumors that we are going to convene our own CON.

Sound interesting? Want to participate? The youth group meets nearly every Sunday at 10:45 in the basement. Have questions? Ask away at email: youth-group. BE THERE!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL YOUTH GROUP

To help fund our youth group travels to weekend conferences throughout the District, as well as support their ongoing social action program, the youth group is selling WaWa Hoagie Coupons in March. Here's the deal: You buy a coupon for \$3.50. That gets you a WaWa shortie hoagie which has a street value of about \$3.75 — so you are already ahead. AND — the best deal of all — the youth group gets \$1 for each hoagie coupon sold. A table will be set up after service for the sale of the coupons. Advance orders can be placed by sending an e-mail to youth-group and telling the youth group how many coupons that you want and when you will pick them up. Thanks in advance for your support.

FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, March 3, at 8 p.m., at the home of Linda and Steve Sander. Come for an evening of music and conversation. No experience or talent necessary. Bring a munchie if you wish. Maps are available in the foyer. Contact Steve Sander, email: folk-singing.

WHAT IS A UU PEEPS SHOW?

A UU Peeps show is a chance to show off your creativity and exquisite artistic ability. More accurately, it is a chance to have fun with those marshmallow treats we all love. Some of us like them soft and fresh from the box, other like them stale, still others like them blown up in the microwave.

A Peeps Show gives us new opportunities to enjoy these treats. It's a diorama using peeps. We invite you to use your creative juices and come up with a story to tell or picture to show with your favorite peeps. Bring your diorama to the Fellowship on April 1 or 8. We will put them on display in the back of the sanctuary.

Look for some examples on display towards the end of March. This is a fun activity in which everyone, adult or child, is invited to participate. Contact Lauren Kelly if you have any questions.

WORK DAY

We are going into the spring season with a host of new activities and people passing through our home. On March 10, it is pay-back time. We will have a Work Day at the Fellowship on March 10, and we will primarily concentrate on late winter winterization for RE space and some minor repairs to the sanctuary and foyer areas.

Even if you only have an hour to spare, come to help us with cleaning, repairs, and general upkeep. We start at 9 a.m. and end around 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10.

— Bob Radcliffe
Building Committee Chair

DENOMINATIONAL DOINGS

The full program for the annual conference of our Joseph Priestley District of UU societies is now available. (For our newer members, the JPD encompasses 65 UU congregations in eastern and central Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia and northern Virginia. Headquartered in Wilmington, DE, it is one of a number of regional districts in the wider Unitarian Universalist Association, headquartered in Boston.)

The JPD conference, at the Harrisburg Hilton, will get underway at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 27 with an ingathering/banner parade and end at noon on Sunday, April 29 with a closing ceremony. The Sunday date happens to coincide with the first day of what hopefully will be candidating week in our Fellowship, so we will want to be in our home church. But there's nothing to stop us from attending the conference Friday and/or Saturday, when we can take advantage of a host of interesting workshops as well as the opportunity to socialize with other UUs and learn more about the JPD.

The workshops cover a wide range of topics from racial diversity in our congregations (and how to achieve it) to social justice planning (a biggie for us!) to membership growth. There's also a video tour and discussion of the four congregations honored as "Breakthrough Congregations" for their exceptional growth at the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association last June. Those who attended General Assembly (including yours truly) can attest to the fact that these congregations have a great deal to share about

energy, vitality, and growth.

You can access the full JPD conference program and registration materials from the JPD website at www.jpduua.org. If Friday doesn't work out for you, you can register to attend only on Saturday. I plan to drive up Friday and

stay through a banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, returning after that in time for the Sunday program.

There are a number of other folks who routinely attend these conferences. If you'd like to join us and are a little hesitant to sign up on your own or want to hook up with someone for the drive into Harrisburg, please contact me.

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We tend to get mired down in our own local church affairs, but it's important to keep in mind that we are not alone but are part of a larger organization working toward common goals. Both the JPD and the UUA provide valuable services ranging from consulting to printed materials to workshops to the upcoming conference. Our Fellowship frequently calls upon these services for support and help.

Like our Fellowship, both the JPD and the UUA are governed by Boards of Trustees, with committees under them doing the organizational work. Recently, Chuck Wooldridge, a member of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC was named a trustee to the Board of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Chuck, who has had numerous leadership roles in his home church, will represent our Joseph Priestley District on the UUA Board. Because there were no additional candidates for the posi-

tion, Chuck was declared the new trustee in January. Had there been additional candidates, our congregation would have been invited to participate in a vote for the trustee.

You may never have the opportunity to meet Chuck personally, but he is working for you just as surely as members of your own Fellowship Board of Trustees work for you. I bring this to your attention because frequently folks who represent us on the denominational level are "invisible" to the congregation. The work they do takes many visible forms, however, and we owe them our thanks and appreciation.

— Flo Miller

SIMPLICITY CIRCLE

Our next meeting is on March 4, on the usual first Sunday in the month at 12:30 p.m. We ask each person to present thoughts meaningful to you regarding the theme of the day, "Where does our energy come from?"

This group is ever evolving in interesting, dynamic ways. A number of young people have joined us now and their most refreshing views mix wonderfully well with those of a wide range of older group members. We are truly diverse.

Interactions are free as well as considerate, which adds up to a thought provoking, energizing experience that can last through the month. This is a good group to attend by new-comers, who want to begin developing some relationships in a reflective, personable atmosphere. Contact Heidi Buss.

OUR SOCIAL JUSTICE PROCESS...A STATUS REPORT

Bob Scott conducted a congregational meeting in January in an attempt to get a pulse on the areas of interest in the Fellowship. The meeting was very well attended by more than 50 people. There appears to be a great deal of energy for work on a variety of projects such as:

- Global Warming
- Micro-lending
- Habitat for Humanity
- Peace
- Violence
- Women's Issues
- Various Local West Chester Projects
- Gay and Lesbian Issues
- Campus Ministry
- Others

Most of our ideas and initiatives fall under two main umbrellas – local economic justice and environmental stewardship.

we are either thinking of or already working on fall under two main umbrellas – one is local economic justice and the other is environmental stewardship. So as part of our process to work through our vision we have taken two recent initiatives that everyone should be aware of.

The Social Justice committee has agreed to push to become a sponsor of a Habitat for Humanity house, hopefully

to be started in the fall, and to put this project under the local economic justice umbrella. Separately an interest group related to global warming is about to begin discussing initiatives under that umbrella. Look to Mike Stevens (email: habitat) for more information on the Habitat project and to Rick Cole on the global warming group. (See p. 5.) These steps will help the congregation narrow the list without losing passion and energy. It will likely take several months to work through the process, so be patient and help support the effort.

The Bridging Team's last project was to recommend to the Board a path for a focused approach to public witness/outreach/justice. Our consultant, Tom Chulak, urged us on several occasions to focus our energy on one, or at least a few, areas of interest, rather than splinter our efforts into many different projects. He recommended a UU consultant who specializes in helping congregations with this process. We have reached out to the consultant he recommended and are waiting for more information on fees and schedules before moving down that path.

Meanwhile, we need to find a way to put some congregational focus on Social Justice areas of interest without losing our passion and energy. One clear message from our meeting is that most of the ideas and initiatives

NEW IRS RULES FOR CASH DONATIONS

In 2007, the IRS expects taxpayers who itemize deductions to have written verification for ALL CASH DONATIONS to charitable organizations, regardless of the amount. (This does not apply to donations made by check.)

To track your UFWC cash donations

Fill out a CASH SLIP and

PAPERCLIP it to your cash donation 

or

 **Insert slip with cash in an ENVELOPE.**
(If you tuck in the flap instead of sealing it, we will reuse the envelope.)

You will receive a report at the end of the year. 

Materials available in back of sanctuary.

You will need this documentation if you are audited.

AN EVENING OF ROMANTIC PIANO MUSIC

This program will be presented on Saturday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be music by three talented young pianists: Matthew Young, former student of Elaine Friedlander, Erin Behler, current pianist for the Fellowship and Don Bristol, former pianist for the Fellowship.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Proceeds benefit the UFWC music program. Tickets will be available soon. If you are interested in helping, please contact Elaine Friedlander, email: music.



LUNCH GROUP NEW LOCATION FOR MARCH

Lunch group will try a new restaurant this month. We will meet on Friday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Panera located next to Shop Rite on West Chester Pike east of town. Newcomers are welcome. E-mail lunch-group to be added to the e-mail reminder list. Please try to respond to the e-mail reminder so we can save space for everyone, but if you change your mind at the last minute, come anyway. Everyone is welcome.

– Linda Sander

COMMUNITY DANCE SUNDAY, MARCH 4 2-4 PM AT THE FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a memorable afternoon of simple American and English line, square and circle dances. All dances are taught; no partner or experience is necessary. The dress is comfortable and casual, and shoes should be flat and soft-soled.

Bring the entire family, and a snack to share after the dance. An admission fee (\$5 per adult; \$2 per child 5-12) is charged to cover the cost of the band and caller. Check out the photos on UFWC's website to see the fun we had last March at our first community dance!

For more information see the February *Fellowtarian* or contact Nancy Artus, email: fun or Cathy Vogt, email: re.

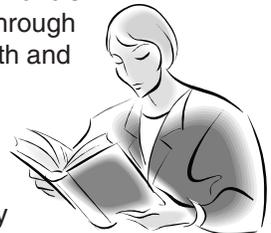


EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP -- MARCH 18, 7-8:30 P.M.

Our selection for March is *Mountains Beyond Mountains...the quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder. Kidder's biography of Paul Farmer explores the meaning of human rights as it relates to health care for the world's most impoverished and challenges each of us through Farmer's vision to better understand how wealth and politics play a role in infectious diseases worldwide. Besides traveling to Haiti, Peru, Russia and Rwanda to meet the people who are Farmer's family of care givers and patients, the reader will have the opportunity to be truly inspired by the difference that one person is making in the lives of so many people. Discussion will be led by Dena Beeghly.

On April 15, Susan Gast will lead our discussion of *Fabulous Small Jews, a Short Story Collection* by Joseph Epstein.

We meet on the third Sunday of the month, and all are welcome. Please don't hesitate to call either Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen at email: diversity-book-group.



GAME NIGHT

Friday, March 2, is our next night for food, fun, and games. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish and a beverage to share as well as any games you would like to play. This is an informal event; there is no need to call ahead or be there on time – just come! Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions at email: game-night.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

- Mar 2 Fri Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Mar 3 Sat Folk Singing.** 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 6.
- Mar 4 Sun Simplicity Circle Meeting.** 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 7.
Community Dance. 2-4 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Mar 5 Mon Finance Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Erach Patel.
- Mar 7 Wed RE Committee.** 7:00 p.m. OWL room. Contact Pam Baxter.
- Mar 9 Fri Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. at Panera in West Goshen. See p. 9.
Chester County Peace Movement Film Night. 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary.
- Mar 10 Sat Work Day.** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See p. 6.
- Mar 11 Sun Global Warming Interest Group Organizing Meeting.** 10:15 a.m. See p.5.
New UU Class. Lunch 12:30 p.m. Class starts 1:00 p.m. See p. 2.
Safe Harbor Dinner. Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Email: safe-harbor.
- Mar 12 Mon Fun and Fellowship Committee.** 7 p.m., Fireplace Room.
- Mar 13 Tue Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Office. All are welcome.
- Mar 17 Sat Annual Celebration Dinner.** 6:00 p.m. See p. 2.
- Mar 18 Sun Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group.** 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 9.
- Mar 24 Sat Lunch for the Needy.** Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Email: salvation-army.
- Mar 25 Sun Social Justice Committee.** 7 p.m. Fireplace Room. Email: social-justice.
- Mar 27 Tue Building Committee Meeting.** 7 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact Bob Radcliff at email: building.
- Mar 28 Wed Council Meeting.** Large RE room. Contact Bob Scott, email: vice-president.
- Mar 31 Sat Piano Concert.** 7:30 p.m. See p.9.

Groups meeting multiple times in a month:

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| Choir Practice | First, second, and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30-9 p.m. sanctuary. Email: choir. |
| Small Group Ministry | Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday groups each meet twice a month. |
| Youth Group | Most Sunday mornings. 10:45 a.m. OWL/Youth Group rm. |
| Yoga Classes | Thursdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the basement. |



Don't forget the Annual Celebration Dinner
 Saturday, March 17, at 6 PM