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SUNDAY SERVICES April, 2007

April 1

**BENDING TOWARDS JUSTICE:
ON THE WORK OF THE UU SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

More than any other single ministry I can think of, the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee — our independent UU ministry of outreach and social justice work worldwide — consistently and courageously joins our denominational name to prophetic works in behalf of the needy, the disempowered, the unpopular, and the unglamorous issues of humanitarian causes both in our own country and across the globe.

The UU Service Committee may be unknown to some of you who are still relatively new to our church, and perhaps to some of you who are longtime UU's the Service Committee is an organization you have heard about over the years but not really learned about. The Service Committee is simply too important an organization for you not to know about. Dr. O'Neill will tell you today some of the story of the UUSC, and share with you news of where and how the Service Committee is active in the world today. A wonderful Sunday to bring a non-UU friend to church.

April 8 Easter Sunday

**...FOR MOST THIS AMAZING DAY:
THE INSIDE STORY OF EASTER**

Rev. Dr. Patrick T. O'Neill

Easter is an impossible story written for anyone who has ever felt the sting of death and wished for something more. Easter is a story for anyone who loves life so much that they pray for more life to follow. Easter is a story for people who envision a loving divinity that will not be conquered by evil. It's a story of love that never dies; of immovable objects tossed aside; of hopeful endings in a tragic world; of miracles; of faith rewarded, and vision restored, and hope justified. That's what the Easter story is about. But it's a story of the heart; you won't find its meaning in literal truth. Come early today, we'll be crowded.

April 15

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Dr. LaTonya Thames-Taylor

Dr. Thames-Taylor is an Assistant Professor of History at West Chester University with expertise in the African American experience in U.S. history. Her topic for today's sermon will be publicized when available.

April 22

WHY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM?

Rev. David Long

David is a long time minister in the United Church of Christ. Why is he now a Unitarian Universalist?

April 29

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Minister Candidate

Today is the first of two consecutive Sundays when the candidate for our pulpit will lead the service. Come one and all to this historic day in the life of our Fellowship. This is the culmination of our much anticipated search process.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is mid-March as I write this, and we are experiencing a seeming lull in Fellowship activities. But I know the appearance of relative calm is misleading. Just below the surface, I sense a growing anticipation and some tension as we prepare for two major events in late March and April: The annual Stewardship Campaign and, hopefully, the announcement of a candidate for the settled ministry with subsequent planning for candidating week.

Combined, the above activities will impact the future of our Fellowship for years to come. Their significance cannot be understated. So I'm going to wake myself up from the relative calm of the moment and address some related issues, recognizing that the "calm" may already have passed by the time this newsletter reaches your home.

First, with the Search Committee report and any recommendation for a settled minister: Sit back, take a deep breath, and allow the Search Committee to complete its work. When and if we have a candidate for settled minister, join all our members and friends in extending a uniquely "Fellowship" welcome - one that exudes energy, enthusiasm, dedication, commitment, and caring. Don't forget to have some fun along the way, and be sure to attend the congregational meeting at which a vote on the settled minister will take place. This may be the most important vote you have ever cast for our Fellowship.

A successful ministry takes more than the right candidate, a well-planned candidating week,

and a final affirmative vote from the congregation, however. When the dust has settled, we need to support the ministry with a substantial contribution of time, talent, and money. (Note the use of the word "ministry," which conveys the idea of our members and friends working in cooperation with professional leadership to create a healthy, growing religious community.)

We already have an outstanding record of support for the Fellowship among our members and friends. In that regard, both of

our interim ministers have noted the extraordinarily high level of volunteer effort on the part of our lay leadership. The dedication implied in that effort has been carried over into our most recent Stewardship Campaigns, which have been among the most successful in the history of our Fellowship.

As we look forward to a new era in the life of our congregation, I'm asking that you bring the same degree of enthusiasm and commitment to the current Stewardship campaign. You should have already received a letter jointly signed by Rev. Patrick and myself. I don't want to repeat it here, but I do want to stress just one more

time the importance of stewardship. Together, we can continue on our journey into a bright, promising future of growth and vitality as the voice of liberal religion in the West Chester area!

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Update on possible name change: Mark Steel has agreed to chair a committee that will explore our current "Fellowship" name and the options for possibly changing it. I have forwarded the few emails I received on the issue to Mark. His committee will be proceeding to obtain full Fellowship input in the coming months while gathering information from other sources as well. I leave it to Mark and his committee to structure the process, but want to assure you all that it will be open and all input will be welcome. As I've said in prior columns, it will ultimately be your decision to make.

Update on Chalice Lighters campaign: I am awaiting a final report from the Joseph Priestley District, but my numbers indicate we met the 33% participation rate that will earn us recognition at the spring conference of the JPD. To all who answered my call, thanks. If I missed you and you are interested in contributing to this valuable program, it's never too late.

Yours in faith,

– Flo Miller

HELP BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY

The Religious Services Committee needs help with esthetics and decor of our meeting space. We are looking for one or more people who would enjoy working on things like flowers for the pulpit area on a weekly basis, seasonal changes in decor, and ideas about continual improvement in the appearance and environment of our worship area. If you are interested in helping or just learning more about what we are looking for, e-mail to religious-services, or call committee chair, Gerry Giess.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees had its past two monthly meetings on February 20, a week late due to inclement weather, and on March 13. At the February meeting, the Board created an *ad hoc* committee to explore whether the congregation desires to change the name of the Fellowship. President Flo Miller agreed to approach congregants to serve on this committee. In addition, the Board rejected a motion to rent the Fellowship building to be used for a public forum to discuss the case for impeachment of the U.S. President and Vice-President.

The Board also approved five policy revisions drafted by the Finance Committee. These changes have been made to documents posted on the UFWC website in the members' section. Further discussion took place regarding the hiring of additional administrative help. Also, Jack Butler reported on the first meeting of the Building Needs Committee, which is looking at future issues with the Fellowship physical structure.

More discussion was held on the duties of the planned Building Use Committee.

Lastly, the lack of a functioning Caring Committee was addressed, with Rev. Patrick O'Neill offering to contact former committee members in an attempt to revitalize it.

At the March meeting, the Board was briefed by the Treasurer, Erach Patel, on next year's budget proposal. Also, the Board passed a motion to reorganize the current Religious Education Program under the umbrella of a Lifespan Faith Development Council, with separate committees dealing with Children's RE, the Youth Program, and Adult RE. DRE Pam Baxter reported having attended a training session on an approach to RE called "spirit play," which is designed to help children develop spiritually through whatever curriculum is being used. And in regard to the UUA General Assembly in June, it was decided to offer to pay the registration fees for a team of two or three members from the congregation, as well as the fee for any member requesting it, to the UU University for leadership development the day before the convention starts.

In addition, the Board, being informed that no one responded to advertising for the position of part-time administrative help, decided to send an email to the congregation, inviting applications for the job. And lastly, Vice-President Bob Scott updated the Board on the work of the Fellowship Council, including progress toward finding co-chairs for the Social Justice Committee, as well as Building and Grounds issues.

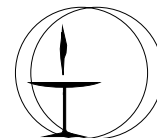
Several members of the Board agreed to serve as canvassers for the stewardship campaign. Board members include Flo Miller, President; Bob Scott, Vice-President; Erach Patel, Treasurer; Deanna Koepcke, Secretary; and Trustees Craig Talbot, Cheryl Pittenger, Fatima Patel, and Jack Butler. Rev. Patrick O'Neill and Pam Baxter, Director of Religious Education, also meet with the Board. Please approach Board members with questions and comments or attend the regular Board meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Minutes of the Board meetings are posted on the Website at UFWC.org after being approved by the Board.

UFWC DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

We are updating our directory and need your help. If you're already listed and we have your correct email address, you will receive a UFWC email showing your entry. Please check it for accuracy and completeness and reply to let us know if it's ok or what changes to make. If you are in the directory but do not get an email it is because we do not have an email address for you or have the wrong one. If you would like your email corrected just email directory with a note to correct your email address. If you do not have email or prefer not to have it in the directory please stop at the table at the back of the sanctuary and check your entry or call Cyndy Bullaughey to update your entry.

If you're not listed yet and would like to be included, please email directory and add your name and information. Or simply stop by the table in the back of the sanctuary and fill out the directory entry form. We include household address, adult name(s), phone numbers (up to two per adult), email addresses (one per adult), and children's names with birthdays.

If you're still receiving our newsletter but would like your name removed from the directory, please let us know that, too.



REMARKS – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Tacked onto the wall near my workstation is a piece of white, letter-size paper, with some long, squiggly strips of red, yellow and orange construction paper glued onto it in a sort of star shape. In between the arms of the star are spirals of fuzzy gray yarn. It looks like something my son might have created in elementary school, but it's not. It's something that I made at a training session recently, and it holds a surprising amount of meaning for me. It also holds a lot of meaning for the future of our Religious Education Program.

We've got a great RE Program here at UFWC. We have a dedicated and visionary RE Committee, dedicated and creative teachers, a library of excellent curricula, and the unstinting support of our congregation, Board, and minister. Together, we make the Program happen.

A good portion of the RE Committee's attention is naturally focused on running the Program; things like selecting curricula, finding teachers, organizing orientation sessions for parents, maintaining a safe and friendly physical environment, acting as RE Greeters on Sunday mornings and scheduling parent volunteers.

We are confident in the Program, even as we continue to tweak it to make it live up to our Vision. This points to another reason we have such a good RE Program: the Committee continually asks the questions, "How can our Program be better? Are our Vision and Mission supported by the

Program? What do we want our children to learn and to gain through their time with us on Sunday mornings?"

This year, when we asked ourselves those questions, we realized that we all felt that there is a piece that has been missing in the Program. When we were finally able to articulate it, it turned out that the best word to describe it is Spirituality. Our Program teaches about Unitarian Universalism – our history and what it means to live our principles. It also teaches about other faith traditions. But we asked ourselves, "Does our Program help nurture spirituality in our children? Are we truly "empowering them to embark on a path of personal faith development," as it states in our Mission?"

With these questions in mind, we made Spirituality the focus of our annual RE Committee Retreat in February. Our goal was to find ways to improve our children's ministry with respect to spiritual growth both at church and at home. We explored the following questions:

- What is spirituality?
- What constitutes spiritual practice?
- Do we recognize it (spirituality and the practice thereof) when we see it?
- How do we bring these concepts into our RE program?
- How can we help parents facilitate spiritual growth at home?

Here's where my starry artwork fits in. Just two weeks after our Retreat, I had the opportunity to attend a training session in a relatively new approach to UU Religious Education, called "Spirit Play." Based on some of the teaching methods developed by Maria Montessori, Spirit Play creates an environment in which children are allowed to make their own meaning from the stories that are presented to them. The stories fall under categories including our UU Principles, Wonder and Awe, World Religions, the Judeo-Christian Tradition and UU Figures and History. The artwork I described is my response to the story that I had just heard. Surprisingly, that activity gave me ownership of the story. I have my own meaning that I took from it. That piece of paper with its bright squiggles and spirals of yarn holds deep spiritual meaning for me.

Perhaps needless to say, I am delighted to have found a classroom method so perfectly suited to what we are trying to accomplish in our Religious Education Program. It will take some time and planning to begin to implement it, but we are all excited to begin. I look forward to sharing more of the details with you in future issues of the Fellowtarian, and of course to opening up this new route of spiritual exploration for our children.

– Pam Baxter
Director of Religious Education

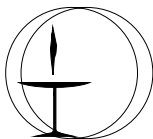
KUDOS TO OUR USHERS AND GREETERS

First impressions matter. Our ushers and greeters play a big role in making visitors feel welcome. In addition to greeting guests and asking them to sign the visitor book, these volunteers introduce those with children to our RE rep, take up the collection, record attendance, and, during coffee hour, ascertain that the visitors are being welcomed by the rest of us.

These volunteers are doing a vital job. We want to recognize them and give them our sincere thanks.

The following are serving as regulars or subs this current year: Heidi Buss, Shelly Case, Chris Conroy, Sharon Mayer-Conroy, Connie Eichenberg, Gerry Geiss, Betty Grosse, Yassmin and Sassan Hejazi and family, Eileen Kelly, Lauren and Tylar Kelly, Debby Kern, Scott Klaum, Deanna and Bruce Koepcke, Juan Leon, David Long, Jim MacFadyen, Sandy and Rick Marts, Jean McAllister, Flo and Mike Miller, Pat and John Orban, Hartley Palleschi, Jamal Raheem, Sandy Schaal, Amy Spare, Hugh Sutherland and Mary Yeager. Our sincere apologies to any omissions.

If you'd like to serve the Fellowship in this role, please contact Jane Krick of the Membership Committee.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome the following new members bringing our membership to 175 strong: Rosanne Bennett, Suzanne Patrick, John Gribbin, Jon McCormack, Doug Campbell, Beth Dou, Alison Lane, Richard Goodwin, Jennifer Rivenburg and Ashley Rivenburg.

The UU class was attended by 19 Members (long-time and new) and Friends. Reverend Patrick was a wealth of information. Members of this Committee are always interested in hearing from Members, Friends and Visitors with any questions, concerns, or positive comments you may have. Look for any of us at services, or email membership.

DENOMINATIONAL (UN)DOINGS

In a "Denominational Doings" column in the February *Fellowtarian*, I wrote that I planned to attend the spring conference of our Joseph Priestley District of UU congregations in Harrisburg on April 27 and 28. Unfortunately, I have since learned that Henderson High School is being rededicated on April 28. As the main PR/communications contact for the West Chester Area School District, my presence at the rededication is essential. So I won't be able to attend the conference.

There will be other members of the Fellowship in attendance, however, and I continue to encourage any and all who are interested to join them. This is an excellent opportunity to socialize with other UUs while expanding your knowledge of our denomination and improving your leadership skills in a host of interesting workshops. See me if you are interested and I will hook you up with other folks who are attending. I truly regret my absence from this event, which always energizes and enriches me.

– Flo Miller

WOW, HAVE WE GROWN!

As of Sunday, March 11 (when five new members signed the book), our Fellowship had grown to 175 members. That is 14 more members since we completed our annual certification with the UUA in February, and 26 more than we had last August! To all our new members, welcome. Try to attend as many activities as you can over our busy spring season, and try to become involved in Fellowship committees or other volunteer efforts as your time and talents permit. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to seek me out or any other member of the Fellowship Board. (Our names are printed with the Board Secretary's report in every issue of the *Fellowtarian*.) We want you to feel fully at home as a part of our active, growing congregation.

– Flo Miller, President

SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

Just a quick update on the Social Justice Committee at UFWC. Linda Sander and Ed Cohle have stepped up to co-chair this committee. We have a committee meeting Sunday, March 25, where this will be officially announced to that committee. Since our bylaws call for an elected chair to this important committee, these folks will be acting co-chairs until our congregational meeting in June.

Meanwhile several things are moving forward. A Habitat for Humanity sub-committee is forming as described in the last Fellowship with the goal of seeing whether we can be a co-sponsor a house in the borough. The Climate Change interest group had a kick-off session last Sunday to standing room only and clearly has energy to move forward.

Five events are planned in April:

- **Drumbeat for Darfur**, a short video, April 1 between services at 10:30 a.m. (See article this page.)
- **Beyond War: Building a World Beyond War**, Interfaith Presentation & Potluck, April 1, 6 p.m. at the Friends Meeting on North High St. in West Chester. UFWC is a co-sponsor. Anyone who can help show our support is encouraged to attend. Please bring a non-desert dish for 8-10.
- **Tree Walk**, April 14 to honor the beneficial effects of trees on climate. (See page 8.)
- **Earth Day Service Project**, April 21. (See article, right.)
- **Habitat for Humanity Italian Bistro Spaghetti Dinner** at the Fellowship along with the University Habitat for Humanity group April 22. We'll split the

proceeds with them and help to fund our fledging drive as a co-sponsor. Arrive any time between 4 and 8 p.m.

A follow-up to our January congregational meeting was promised, and Linda and Ed are working on a date for that. I have also made contact with a UU consultant on Social Justice. We'll discuss this at our next meeting.

– Bob Scott



EARTH DAY SERVICE PROJECT

Celebrate Earth Day with the Great PA Clean Up Event at Ridley Creek State Park on April 21 from 8:30 am - noon. On this day we will be mostly picking up trash in the park. This activity is a small step towards the Fellowship being more environmentally responsible and more active in the community. This public event is open to individuals and families and is recommend for anyone 6 years old and up (younger folk are welcome too). Gloves and trash bags will be provided. If the weather cooperates, we can enjoy a brown bag picnic at the park after the clean up; perhaps we will take a hike in the park when we are through. If you are planning on helping with this clean up project, send us an email so we can give the park's event coordinator an idea of how many are coming. We will send you directions and more info. Contact email: fun or Mary Yeager.

DRUMBEAT FOR DARFUR

Is anybody listening? Does anybody care? How many hundreds of thousands have been murdered? How many millions have been displaced from their homes? On March 6, the UPI said that, "Sudan has the worst abuse of human rights, according to the U.S. State Department." Our own government acknowledges the problem, but continues to place it on the back burner.

UUSC's *Drumbeat for Darfur* campaign calls for constant action to raise the decibel level of voices urging the Bush administration and Congress to make ending the genocide one of their highest priorities. Check out this website for ideas on what you can do: <http://www.uusc.org/drumbeatfordarfur/actionideas.html>

Information about what you can do to help stop the genocide will be distributed at the April 1 Sunday services, and the ten minute video, *Drumbeat for Darfur*, will be shown between services in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

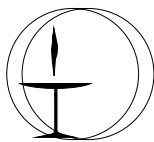
YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

March was a stellar month for the Youth Group. We prepared and presented two Sunday services on March 11, engaging in a dialog with Rev. Patrick O'Neill. We learned that Rev. O'Neill prefers Pepsi to Coke, and that he had a memorable experience indeed delivering his first sermon, and we shared ideas on the nature of God and morality. In addition, we hosted one adult and three youth from the UU Church of Berks County in Reading for pizza for an exciting conversation on how to build a thriving youth group.

April finds us excited for another Battle of the Bands concert fundraiser at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 20. Please join us to hear some high school "garage" bands as we raise money for a social action project.

We will also turn out in force for the combined Joseph Priestley District annual conference and youth group spring conference in Harrisburg at the end of April.

Sound interesting? Want to participate? The youth group meets nearly every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. downstairs. Have questions? Email us at youth-group. See you then!



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Young Adult Group of the Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester would like to invite all young adults between the ages of 18-35 to join us every third Sunday of the month for spiritual discussion and fellowship after the 11 a.m. service (or 10 a.m. in the summer).

Our group seeks not only to connect other young adults in the Fellowship, but also to provide community service opportunities for young adults, fun/fellowship activities, and spiritual discussions. Our meeting space is in the sanctuary and takes place after our traditional coffee which succeeds the service. If you have any questions please send your email to young-adults.

DANCE AS A SPIRITUAL MOMENT

In preparation for our annual RE Committee Retreat last month, which focused on spirituality, Pam asked us to reflect on spiritual experiences we have had. What came to mind for me were experiences I've had during my years of English Country Dancing. On the night of the annual ball, everything feels different: I am dressed in a fancy ball gown, listening to fabulous live music and flawlessly executing a dance that has taken months to perfect.

I have enjoyed organizing community dances over the years, and the highlight for me comes at the end of the dance, when we sing as a round, "Oh, how lovely is the evening." I love losing myself in the words and the many voices, from the little kids who may have never sung this song before, to the adults singing beautiful harmony. As we sing, we walk around in concentric circles, where we can see everyone, and smile and share in the joy of the moment.

When we did this at the close of the Community Dance here at the Fellowship on March 4, just a week after the Committee Retreat, I realized that it was truly a spiritual experience for me. Though I have enjoyed the other dances tremendously, I discovered that they don't come close to the experience I had dancing with my church friends. There is something special about being able to share the joys of dance and music with my fellow congregants that just can't compare with any other dance I go to. The difference is feeling the strength of what it means to be part of a spiritual community. It's in the experiences that we have shared, in the commitment we make to each other, and the vision we have of how we want to be in the world.

I hope that others at the dance felt the same thing that I did, and that our Fellowship members and friends can continue to share and experience the joys of dance and music with each other in the future.

— Cathy Vogt

LUNCH GROUP

Lunch group will meet on Friday, April 13 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

A BUSY APRIL 14

Fun and Fellowship, Building Committee and Climate Change Interest Group invite you to a Tree Walk in West Chester, Brown Bag Lunch and Work Party.

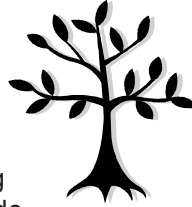
Do any or all on Saturday, April 14!

You are invited to attend a family-friendly “Tree Walk in West Chester” from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Marshall Square Park (corner of East Marshall and Matlack Streets). Guides will lead short tours of attractively planted local streets and identify different kinds of trees. Tours return to Marshall Square Park by 12:30 p.m. where free tree seedlings will be distributed. All ages welcome!

Following the walk, Fun and Fellowship invites you to return to the Fellowship for a brown bag lunch. You bring lunch; the Fellowship will provide beverages.

This weekend’s monthly Work Party is just prior to candidating week, so we need both yard and building to look their very best! Bob Radcliffe of the Building Committee will have a list of chores for those who can stay to help. Or you can start your day with the Work Party at 9 a.m., then carpool to the Tree Walk. Speaking of fun and fellowship: did you know the work crews always have fun while working on cleanup and repair chores?

The Tree Walk will highlight the important role of trees in reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and for the shade they provide during the warm season, thus reducing demand for air-conditioning. It is one of 900 events planned nationwide on April 14 as part of Step It Up 07, a loosely organized effort to demonstrate citizen concern and to urge Congress to act to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. UFWC’s Climate Change Interest Group is supporting the Tree walk, which is sponsored by the Shade Tree Commission and BLUER, Borough Leaders United for Emissions Reduction.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL YOUTH GROUP

To help fund our weekend conferences throughout the District, as well as to support our ongoing social action program, the youth group will sell WaWa hoagie coupons in April. Here’s the deal: You buy a coupon for \$3.50. That gets you a WaWa shorty 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 each Sunday service for the sale of the coupons. Advance orders can be placed by sending an email to youth-group and telling the youth group how many coupons you want and when you will pick them up. Thanks in advance for your support!



EXPLORING DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

April 15 – 7- 8:30 PM

Fabulous Small Jews is a collection of eighteen of Joseph Epstein's stories that are portraits and vignettes of middle-aged Jewish men many of whom are growing old. The stories are set in Epstein's native Chicago area and are “sometimes hopeful, sometimes cynical and nearly always touching.” Epstein is considered one of America’s preeminent essayists. Discussion will be led by Susan Gast.

On May 20, Fatima Patel will lead our discussion of the novel, *Stone Butch Blues*, by Leslie Feinberg

We meet the third Sunday of the month and all are welcome. Contact Shelly Case or Ruth MacFadyen, or you may contact us by email at diversity-book-group.



FOLK SINGING

The next folk singing get-together is Saturday, April 21, 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 at email: folk-singing.



FLEA MARKET SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 19

Spring cleaning? Downsizing? Keep the annual flea market in mind!

This year we aim to repeat last year's success in donating all unsold goods remaining at the end of our flea market to other nonprofits, thus connecting us to the larger caring community and making good use of all donations. We will again need your recommendations of groups that can best use various types of items (e.g., books, clothes, household goods).

From past experience we know that flea market sale items must be clean and in good repair, in season and not obsolete (unless it's a collector's item!). We can sell in-season clothing, jewelry and artwork, children's toys and books, games and puzzles, housewares, working appliances and tools, interesting books, tapes and videos, CD's and DVD's, bicycles and exercise equipment.

Please! No obsolete electronics, especially items that will require us to deliver unsold pieces to Chester County's hazardous waste electronics collection! Another general rule: if something requires more than one person to carry, you must guarantee to remove it if it doesn't sell by noon. Be kind to the clean-up committee!

Speaking of committees: you will soon see sign-up sheets for the various work shifts to accept donations (Thursday evening), sort and price (Friday), sell (Saturday morning) and clean up and re-set the sanctuary from noon to 2:30 or so. The work crews always have fun and they are a great way for newcomers to meet old-timers.



POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT

Please join us Friday night, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. for a Potluck & Game Night at the Fellowship. This gathering is not just for kids or families; everyone young or old is welcome.

Bring a dish and beverage to share. Paper products will be provided. No need to call ahead, just come. Relax and enjoy the company if you wish or learn a new game or play an old favorite.

Anyone interested in a friendly poker game can drop me a note. We have chips and will bring them if there is interest. Get some friends together and come play! Contact Mary Yeager if you have any questions at email: fun.



SIMPLICITY CIRCLE

Our next meeting is on April 1, on the usual first Sunday in the month at 12:30 p.m., after the service. We ask each person to present thoughts meaningful to you regarding the theme of the day. The group chose to share personal creative endeavors in this meeting. A wide range of activities can reflect our creative bent, so we look to considerable diversity in this area as well.

This is a good group to attend by new-comers, who want to begin developing some relationships in a reflective, personable atmosphere. Any questions or comments contact Heidi Buss at email: simplicity.

WHY A FLEA MARKET?

- 1) **Responsible Earth Stewardship.** Re-cycle goods via the flea market and fewer will enter the waste stream.
- 2) **Simple Living.** Reduce the material possessions that clutter your life. Make more room for what really matters.
- 3) **Fun and Fellowship.** The work crews that receive, sort, sell and clean up have a great time together! (Note: a good way to get to know people!)
- 4) **Bargain Shopping.** Recycle great "Unitarian stuff" at low, low prices.
- 5) **Reaching Out.** Many who visit our flea market are non-UU's.
- 6) **Supporting the Larger Caring Community.** Unsold items are donated to other Chester County charities to help sustain their work.
- 7) **Fundraising.** A welcome addition to UFWC's annual budget.

FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

- Apr 1 Sun** **Drumbeat for Darfur.** Video in the sanctuary 10:30 a.m. See p. 6.
Simplicity Circle Meeting. 12:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 9.
Beyond War 6 p.m. Potluck. 7 p.m. Presentation and Discussion. At West Chester Friends Meeting. UFWC is a co-sponsor. See p. 6.
- Apr 2 Mon** **Finance Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Erach Patel.
- Apr 4 Wed** **RE Committee.** 7:00 p.m. OWL room. Contact Pam Baxter.
- Apr 6 Fri** **Game Night.** 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 9.
- Apr 8 Sun** **Safe Harbor Dinner.** Provided by the Fellowship the second Sunday of the month. Contact safe-harbor.
- Apr 10 Tue** **Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Office. All are welcome.
- Apr 13 Fri** **Lunch Group.** 11:30 a.m. at Panera in West Goshen. See p. 7.
Chester County Peace Movement Film Night. *A Place Called Chapias.* 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary.
- Apr 14 Sat** **Work Day.** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. See p. 8.
Tree Walk. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Marshall Square Park. See p. 8.
Bag Lunch. 12:30 p.m. at the Fellowship following the Tree Walk. See p. 8.
- Apr 15 Sun** **Young Adult Group.** 12:30 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 7.
Exploring Diversity Book Discussion Group. 7-8:30 p.m. Fireplace Room. See p. 8.
- Apr 20 Fri** **Battle of the Bands.** Youth Group fundraiser. 6 p.m. Sanctuary. See p. 7.
- Apr 21 Sat** **Earth Day Service Project.** Ridley Creek State Park. 8:30-noon. See p. 6.
Folk Singing. 8 p.m. at the home of Steve and Linda Sander. See p. 8.
- Apr 22 Sun** **Habitat for Humanity Spaghetti Dinner** at the Fellowship. See p. 6.
- Apr 24 Tue** **Building Committee.** 7 p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact Bob Radcliff at email: building.
- Apr 25 Wed** **Council Meeting.** Large RE room. Contact Bob Scott, email: vice-president.
- Apr 26 Thu** **Religious Services Committee.** 7:30 p.m. Office. Contact Gerry Giess, email: religious-services.
- Apr 27-28 Fri-Sat** **JPD Conference.** Harrisburg. See p. 5.
- Apr 28 Sat** **Lunch for the Needy.** Provided by our Fellowship at the Salvation Army. Contact email: salvation-army.
- Apr 29 Sun** **Candidating Week Begins.**
Social Justice Committee. 7p.m. Fireplace Room. Contact email: social-justice.

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. |